



MIMWOOD

Database of innovative materials for the furniture sector

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1.- FIFTH MEETING

On the 15th and 16th April, the last meeting of the project MIMWOOD took place in FEDERLEGNOARREDO, in Milan.



In that meeting, the latest activities related to Intellectual Output 3 have been revised, such as:

- **Compilation of information about the training and use of the innovative materials in the VET centres of the different countries of the project partners.**

Survey on innovative materials in VET Centres	
Countries	Number of answers
Belgium	10
Ireland	8
Italy	5
Portugal	3
Spain	23
Total	49

As a result of the questionnaires, we should highlight:

- In general VET Centres they do not have a specific system of gathering information on innovative materials. Most of them only refer solid surfaces and engineered wood when they talk of innovative materials. Other materials are not mentioned at all.
- Most of the VET Centres trust on the efforts of the individual teachers to do some research, to visit fairs and companies, to have contact with suppliers to keep updated information on innovative materials.
- There is definitively a need for more knowledge and a good structure to gather information about this subject. This way, VET Centres will have conditions to use and to teach about these materials, contributing for improving the professional competences in this area.

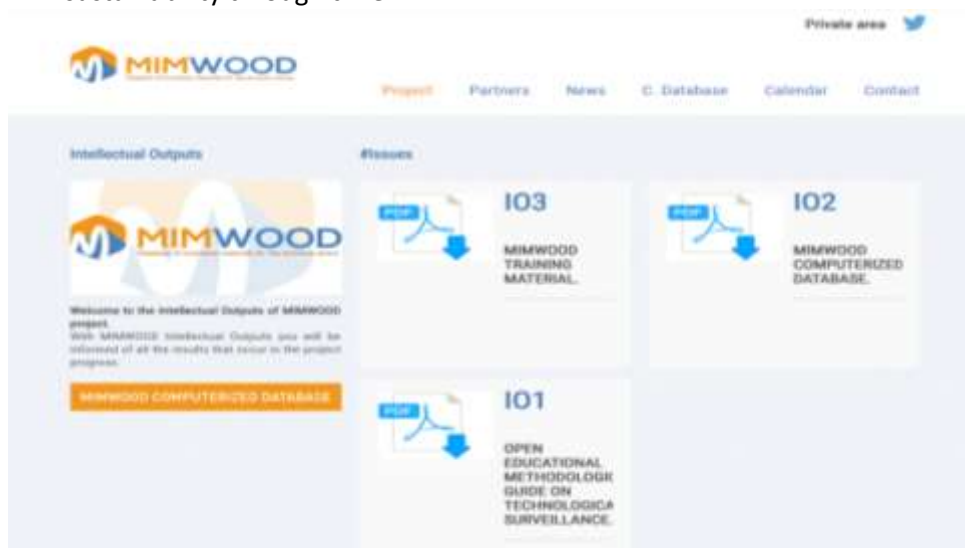
Compilation of information about how the enterprises gather information about innovative materials and up to which point do they use it.

Number of surveys per country	
Countries	Number of surveys
Belgium	10
Ireland	12
Italy	10
Portugal	10
Spain	21
Total	63

Summary of the highlighted answers:

- Only the ones who work with the design departments follow up the evolution of new and innovative materials, the others are not proactive and wait for suppliers, the demand from customers or specific events or fairs;
- Companies, in general, are looking for characteristics in materials such as visual, technological and manufacturing aspects;
- The price is also referred because companies are always looking for cheaper materials with aesthetic properties, which can replace some traditional and more expensive ones.

- At the meeting, the elaborated training material has been revised: <http://mimwoodproject.eu/intellectual-outputs.asp> as use of the MIMWOOD database's guide, from what would generate a similar system and its sustainability through time.



Results of the training about this material carried out by VET teachers, as a trial for the evaluation of the manufactured material and the database of the project.

Some improvements for a better use of the database have been proposed in this assessment.

All the partners of the project are really satisfied with the developed project and the results of it, because it can be applied to VET centres adding innovative features to the most part of them in the field of the use of innovative materials in the countries that take part in the project.

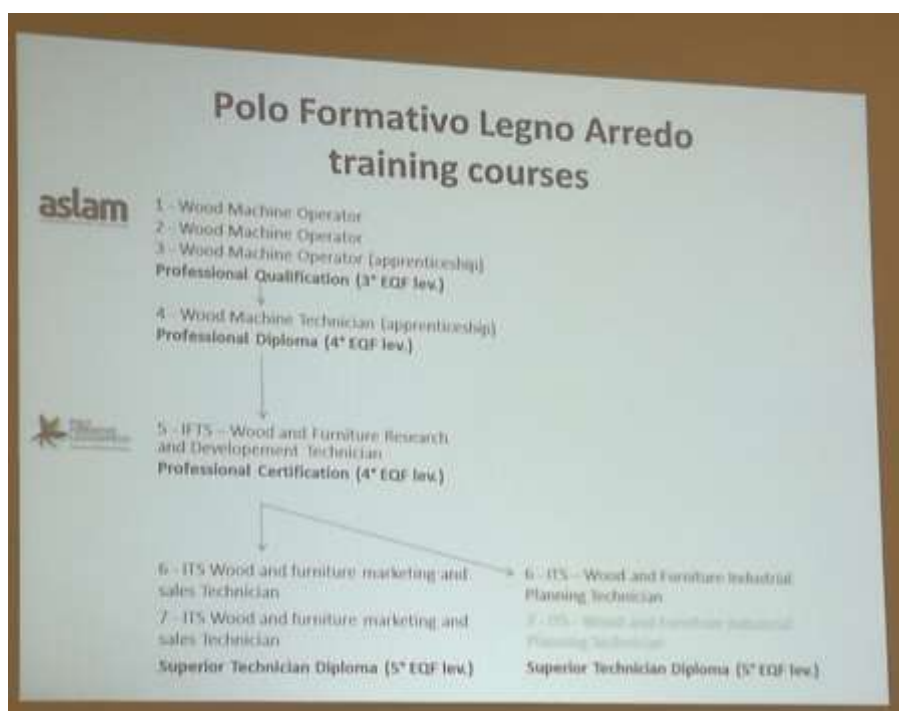
Results that can be used by any VET centre.

2. – DISSEMINATION ACTIVITY

In the afternoon of the 15th April, a dissemination activity took place in the VET centre Polo Formativo at Lentate sul Seveso,

In this activity, students of high studies and teachers of the centre were presented the project.





The results of the project can be found at:

<http://mimwoodproject.eu/>



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