

CEI-Bois Sustainability Working Group's activities

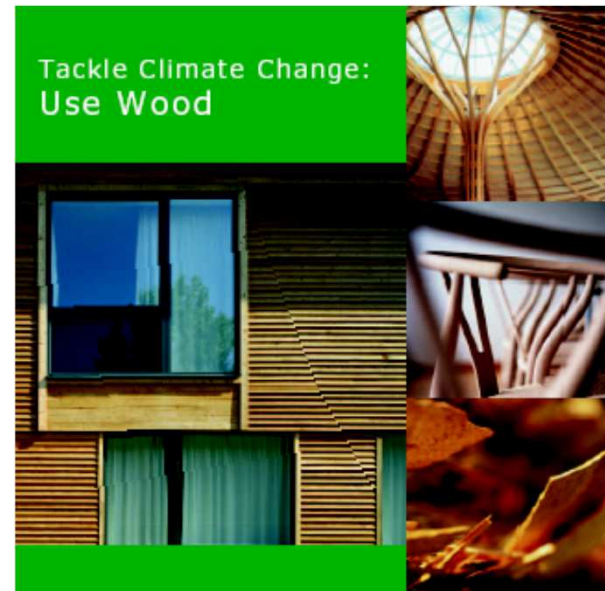
WEI Spring Meeting
Brussels, 14 March 2018

Content

- Revision of the “Tackle Climate Change: Use Wood” booklet
- Life-Cycle Analysis & other standardization topics
- Energy Union
 - LULUCF
 - RED Recast
- Circular Economy Package
- Sustainable sourcing
 - Update on the EUTR
 - ISO/PC 287 “Chain of Custody of wood and wood-based products”
 - Guidelines for cascading of (wood) biomass
 - EU Bioeconomy Strategy

“Tackle Climate Change: Use Wood”

- Booklet revision - first drafts
 - Responsible sourcing
 - From forests to products
 - Living with wood
 - Facts & Figures on the WI



- Main Targets: Institutions and stakeholders
- November 2018

Life-Cycle Analysis



Standardisation topics to defend interest of WI.
 (CEN/TC 350 and ISO/TC 207 and carbon footprint standard 14067.

- Biogenic Carbon (carbon emission of branches and roots)
- Land use (carbon sink effect of the forests)
- Carbon storage effect of wood products.

Standardization topics are primary to defend use of wood as the best way to reduce the CO2 emissions, the main cause of climate change.

Energy Union



- LULUCF (Land Use)
 - EU climate change policy to reduce EU greenhouse emission : measures and accounts for emissions and removals of CO2 from lands and forests.
 - Intensity of harvesting .
 - Carbon storage in Harvested Wood Products.
- RED Recast (Renewable Energy Directive)
 - Wood viability
 - Biomass sustainability criteria
 - Market distortions
 - Circular economy and waste hierarchy

Circular Economy Package

- To defend the topic and the high share to recycle
- On 16 Jan, the EC issued a new package of documents:
- A COM on the **interface between EU chemicals, products and waste policies.**



Circular Economy Package

- **COM on options to address the interface between chemical, product and waste legislation**
 - Recycling and re-use can be hampered by **presence of chemicals**
 - To be addressed to enable **more recycling** and uptake of secondary raw materials
 - **Substituting substances of concern** and, if not possible, reduce their presence and improve their **tracking**
 - 4 main issues:
 - Information on presence of substance of concern not readily available to those who handle waste and prepare recovery
 - Waste may contain substances that are no longer allowed in new products (legacy chemicals).

**CE invite stakeholders to engage discussion
and to take positions on identified challenges**

Circular Economy Package

- EU's rules on End-of-Waste are not fully harmonised, making it uncertain how waste becomes a new material and product
 - **Rules to decide which wastes and chemicals are hazardous are not well aligned**
- Work to be started and well on track by the end of 2019



Sustainable sourcing



- Update on EUTR
 - TTF workshop dedicated to EUTR/Due Diligence harmonization held in Prague on 30 Nov.
 - Public Consultation to extend the scope of EUTR.
- ISO/PC 287 “Chain of Custody of wood and wood-based products”.
- Guidelines for cascading of (wood) biomass.
- EU Bioeconomy Strategy.

TTF Workshop in Prague on 30 Nov

- Dedicated to EUTR/Due Diligence harmonization
- Trade organizations, some CEI-Bois members, and EC reported on their related initiatives
- EC is finishing overviews of China, Brazil, Myanmar, Russia, Ukraine
- Participants agreed on the importance of having common, neutral, authority-based data available which can be used in guidance but may not lead to trade bans
- Continuous dialogue between the EC and stakeholders is essential



Timber Trade Federation
growing the use of wood

Update on EUTR

- EUTR revision after 2 years of implementation
- Long awaited Public Consultation issued as part of the Impact Assessment
- Focus on the scope, options:
 - *Status quo*
 - Some more products
 - **All products included with possible exemptions**
 - Removals (for ex. bamboo products)



Update on EUTR

- Criteria behind choice of options
 - Wood content, risk, costs, trade, coherency, clarity, ease of tracing, level-playing field
- Environmental, Social & Economic impacts of each option
- Deadline: 24 Apr



→ Common CEI-Bois' answer

ISO/PC 287 “Chain of Custody of wood and wood-based products

- Report on the meeting held in Berlin on 5-9 Feb
- The question of a positive vote remains open



Guidelines for cascading of biomass

- The objective is still to have a non-binding document allowing knowledge sharing and definition of generic principles
- The focus will be on wood biomass but can be extended to all types of biomass at a later stage
- The guidelines should be linked to CEP, Bioeconomy Strategy, Forest Strategy, LULUCF, ILUC, REDII, Energy Governance, Natura 2000, R&D and Trade policies
- Consultation between Jan & Mar
- Workshop on 13 Apr
- Draft guidance expected by the summer
- Further discussions during the 2nd half of the year



EU Bioeconomy Strategy

- Revision of the 2012 Strategy which has three parts: innovation, policy, market & investments
- Areas of improvements have been identified
- Stakeholders panel & platform have been established
- UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are considered
- Roadmap published in Feb
- COM to be adopted during 3rd quarter
- Then discussion in EP & Council
- Conference on 22 Oct

→ CEI-Bois' common position

