



*EUSALP - Action Group No 2 - Economy
Technical subgroup «Alpine Wood »*

Improving the use of local wood in the building sector: an asset for economy and ecological transition in the Alpine region

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AG 2 organisation

- ❖ AG 2 topics : To improve the economic potential of strategic sector in the Alpine Space
- ❖ Coordinated by Baden-Württemberg, and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes
- ❖ 3 Subgroups : bio economy, wood, health tourism
- ❖ 1 new SG : digital industry
- ❖ Composition of SG wood : about 20 members : 8 institutions, 2 universities, 10 experts / 6 countries involved

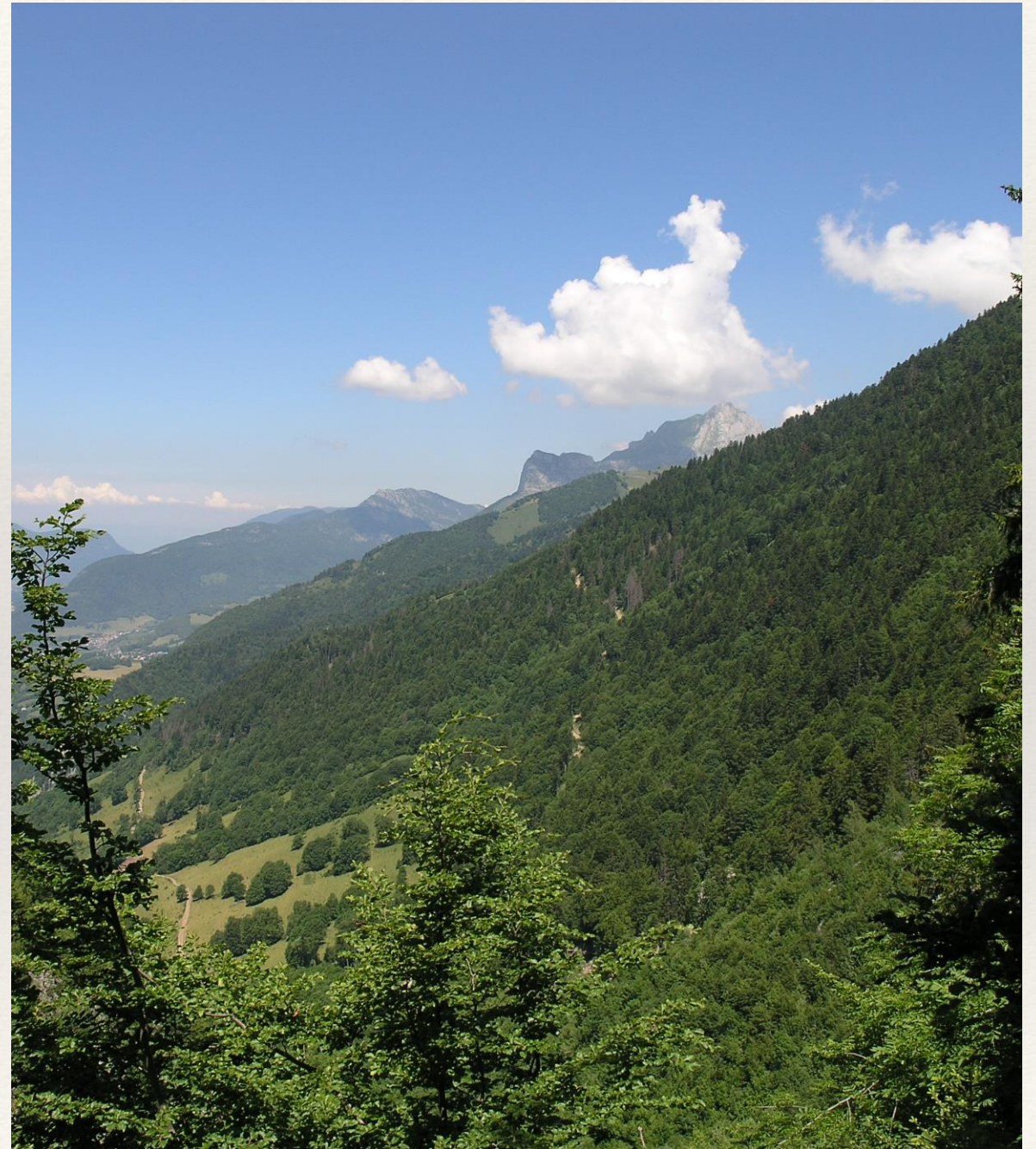
SG wood objective

AG2 subgroup is focusing its work on tools and initiatives to raise the awareness about the use of wood in the building sector in order to:

- improve the use of wood, more specifically from alpine forest resources in building sector,
- promote timber industry in the Alpine region,
- support ecological transition by reducing the environmental impact of construction.

Building with wood is a sustainable choice

- ❖ About 9 M hectares of forests which cover from 30 to up to 70 % of alpine land
- ❖ Energy to produce 1 ton of wood / cement 5 times bigger - steel 24 times bigger - aluminium 126 times bigger
- ❖ Therefore using wood in the building sector makes environmental sense and it appears as a valuable solution to sustain the ecological transition to a greener economy



(*) Alpine convention Mountain forests WG (2013-2014)

Outputs/ work in progress

- ❖ An inventory of around 100 competences centres was carried out as well a survey to gather their opinions and relevant experiences on how they promote wood in the building sector
- ❖ Capitalization from cooperation : making links between wood projects in alpine region (e.g. Triplewood and Casco projects)
- ❖ Support concrete project as Triplewood which aims to develop sustainable wood building culture in Alpine Region
- ❖ An Analysis to identify obstacles to the development of the use of wood in building : is going to start as part as Triplewood project

Ongoing discussions...

The wood building sector is as a strategic economic sector in the Alpine region, a source of added value, local employment and sustainable development.

- Regardless its promising role in conciliating climate changes and local development challenges its potential is poorly recognized in the policy realm.

Goal: Promoting a sustainable wood building culture in the EUSALP Region that brings social, ecological, and economical benefits to its communities.

Content:

- an **exhibition** of best practice examples from seven countries
 - seminars on wood construction and energy efficiency
- road show featuring the exhibition, seminars, and public events
- an **internet site** presenting the exhibition projects, the road show schedule, and providing further information [www.triplewood.eu]



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