

GATE

gaining added value for timber in europe



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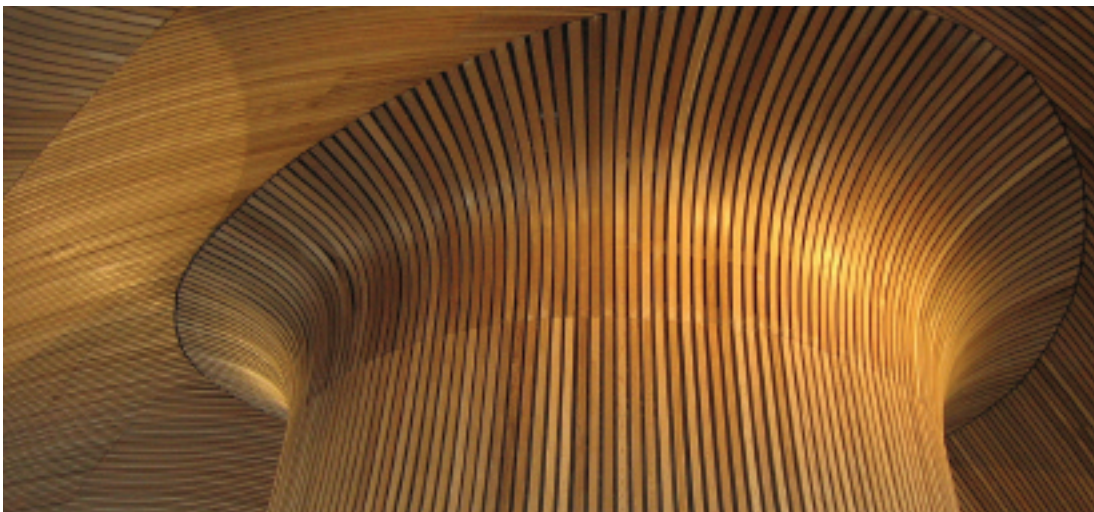
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Timber for Tomorrow's Europe

International Conference

Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff

October 3 – 4, 2007



The latest technology is making timber the building material of the future. Light, durable, flexible and strong, wood is a truly sustainable method of building. Use of timber in construction not only reduces building times, but those buildings will also have a smaller carbon footprint than most other buildings.

And as climate change becomes a major issue, the one day **GATE International Conference – Timber for Tomorrow's Europe at the Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff on Thursday October 4 2007** – could not have been better timed.

More than three years of information gathering on timber construction from all over Europe has been pulled together by **GATE – gaining added value for timber in Europe** –

the Forestry Commission Wales led project which is promoting the use of more wood in construction. At this conference all of that information will be made available for the first time.

The aim is to show how timber, using latest technology, can replace many of the more accepted building materials and that local timber can play a valuable role in construction, adding value and providing more local jobs.

And for our partner regions we are organising a special field trip on Wednesday 3 October to see the Cardiff School of Architecture, St Fagan's the Welsh national museum of buildings, the Wales Millennium Centre and the new National Assembly building.



When?

The second International GATE conference to be held in Wales – Timber for Tomorrow's Europe is being held at The Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 October 2007. The Welsh Capital has been chosen as the venue because of its good transport links. Accommodation will be arranged for overseas delegates.

Who?

The Forestry Commission Wales GATE (gaining added value from timber) project has brought together the latest methods and techniques of using timber from across its partner regions – Poland, Estonia, Slovenia and Germany. Together the partners now have an unrivalled pool of knowledge on the use of timber which is available on the GATE website – www.gate-project.org.

Costs

There is no charge for attending the one day conference on Thursday, which will include a buffet lunch at the Millennium Centre, Cardiff, in the heart of Cardiff Bay and a conference dinner at Cardiff Castle. There will also be no charge for the field visits on Wednesday.

Booking

Space is limited at the Centre and early booking is recommended to be certain of a place. Further information and a detailed itinerary for both days will be sent to registered attendees closer to the date.

To register for this event please complete the attached registration form and return to your gate regional co-ordinator



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