



# GATE

'Gaining Added value for  
Timber in Europe'



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**Witamy - Dzień dobry**

**Tere tulemast - Tere hommikust**

**Willkommen - Guten morgen**

**Croeso – Bore Da**

**Welcome – Good morning**

# “Building a new Europe – with timber”

3<sup>rd</sup> Inter-Regional GATE Seminar  
Ljubljana, Slovenia  
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# GATE Project

- Interreg III C programme
- Network project
- 5 Partner Regions:
  - Wales
  - Thuringia (Germany)
  - Pomorskie (Poland)
  - Slovenia
  - Estonia
- Wales is the lead partner
- 3 year duration (October 2004-September 2007)

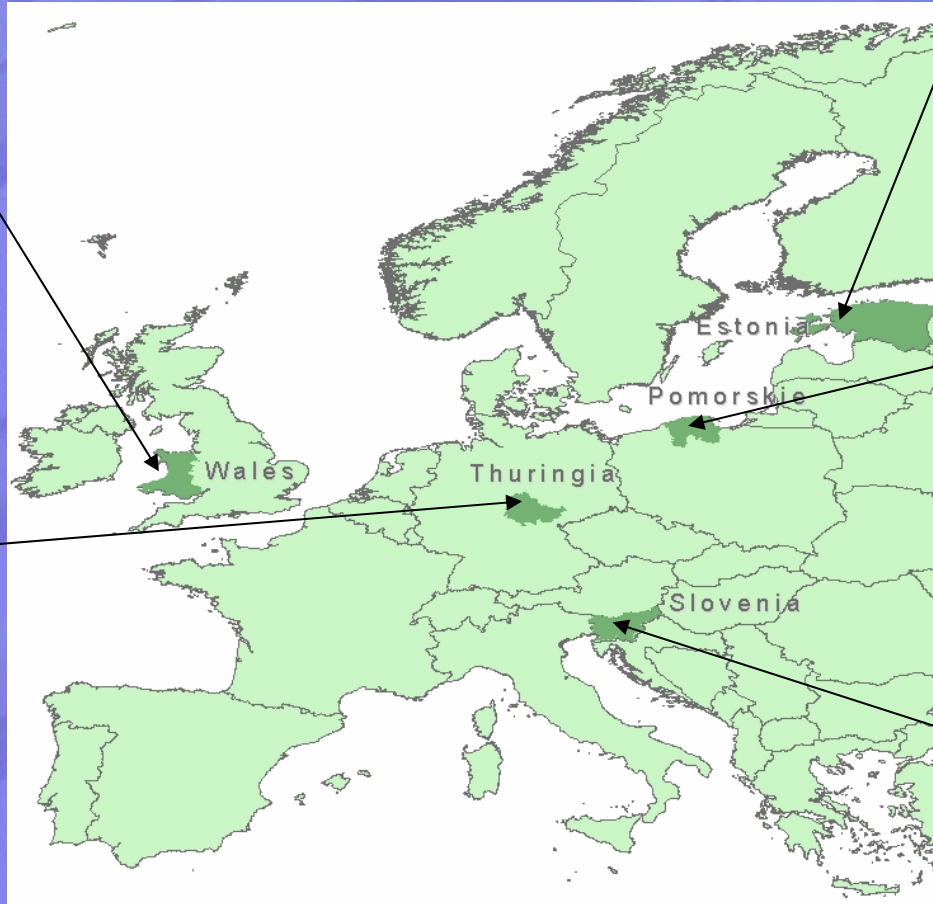




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## Project Aims

- To increase the use of timber in construction
- Building new markets and adding value
- Sharing best practice amongst 5 regions
- Overcome any existing barriers or constraints

## Why timber?

- Renewable resource
- Local economy
- Energy efficient buildings
- Adaptable to many uses
- Beautiful – people like wood



# How does GATE work?

Exchange of experience and best practice through:

- Focus Group meetings before each Seminar
- Inter-Regional Seminars every 6 months
- Exchange visits for stakeholders
- Email & Website at [www.gate-project.org](http://www.gate-project.org)

## What are the themes?

Each seminar is arranged around a general theme that constrains the use of timber for construction:

- Perception issues
- Economic issues
- Technical issues
- Policy issues



# Regional Stakeholder Networks

'Anyone with an interest in or influence on the choice of timber for a building project'

- local & regional government
- planners, policy makers
- engineers & builders, supply chain businesses
- industry bodies, foresters
- designers, architects and builders
- housing associations, mortgage lenders, insurers
- clients ...

## GATE events so far

- International Opening Conference in Wales
- Fire safety seminar in Estonia
- Inter-regional 'Perceptions' seminar in Thuringia
- Glued timber conference in Slovenia
- Greener Homes and Buildings show in Wales
- Inter-regional 'Economic Issues' seminar in Poland
- Focus Group meetings in Poland, Estonia and Slovenia
- Local events in each Region



# Forthcoming Events

- Inter-regional Student Design competition
- Further Focus Group meetings
- Inter-regional 'Policy' seminar in Estonia
- Local events in each Region
- International Closing Conference in Wales
- Stakeholder networks continue after project closure





**Hvala**

**Dziękuję**

**Tänan**

**Danke**

**Diolch yn fawr**

**Thank you**



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Building new opportunities  
for timber

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