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Policy conference Tallinn, Estonia  
13 and 14 June

# Timber

## a New Policy for Europe

GATE is a new European project looking to increase the use of timber for construction. Adding value to timber from woodlands and forests across Europe has a vital role to play in supporting and maintaining rural business and communities. Five countries are involved: Wales, Thuringia (Germany), Pomorskie (Poland), Slovenia and Estonia.

### Presentations

- 9.30 Coffee and registration
- 10.00 Introduction
- 10.10 Welcome to Estonia
- 10.20 Introduction to GATE
- 10.30 Presentation – Timber – a New Policy for Europe / Marek Strandberg – Estonia
- 10.50 Presentation – Local policy to help stimulate affordable housing solutions / Jakob Siewko – Poland
- 11.10 Coffee break
- 11.25 Presentation – Cluster to implement changes in Regional policies / Jerg Hilt – Thuringia
- 11.45 Presentation – EU building regulations and its application in Slovenia / Milan Šernek – Slovenia
- 12.05 Presentation – Timber Policies for Tomorrows Builders / Prof Michael Benfield – Wales
- 12.25 Presentation – Environmental Opportunities for Builders in UK / Dr Vahik Enjily – Wales
- 12.45 Lunch

### Workshops

- 14.00 Breakout to workshop sessions  
Incentives for Timber use – who is better able to implement policy, public sector or private sector  
Timber – financial incentives – bottom up (ie. Grassroots movement) or top down (EU directives > federal government > actual legislation)
- 15.00 Regroup for reports from workshops
- 15.15 Conclusions
- 15.25 Thanks and end of conference

### June 13th, field trip – timber, industry & architecture

- Stora Enso Imavere Sawmill
- Stora Enso Glue Laminated Beam Factory
- Imavere Wood Pellet Factory
- Triigi Foresters Administration Building
- Estonian Golf & Country Club
- Esko housing complex
- Naba Preschool