

6. Improved employment opportunities on labour market – “Wood for Youth”

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Wood for Youth

"Plans are nothing; planning is everything."

– Dwight D. Eisenhower

Wood for Youth aims to enhance the competitiveness of young individuals in the woodhouse sector through interactive training programs and practical guidance.

Target: 150 youngsters

Time period: 3 years

Project partners:



Woodhouse
Estonia



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Finnish Woodworking Industries



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Planned

Internships

International internships

2 courses

One shared e-learning system

Fixed partner roles

150 youngsters

Reality

Observatory visits, laboratory trainings (FI)

Cross-border observatory practises, workshops, community building

6+ courses

3 localized systems

Continuous adaptation

288 completed training program; 400+ participated in program

What we learned:

- + Flexibility is more important than initial planning
- + Local context matters more than standardization

Project goal was achieved –
and more:

- + **Joint cross-border curriculum and methodology developed**
(digital + practice-oriented training model)
- + **Vocational and higher education institutions ready to integrate modules**
(as optional, continuing education, or part of formal curricula)
- + **Strong interest from upper secondary schools to adopt the courses**
- + **Record number of vocational students (in Estonia) continued to higher education**

Thanks!

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