

GATE

'Gaining Added value for
Timber in Europe'

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Willkommen - Guten morgen

Dobrodošli – Dobro jutro

Witamy - Dzień dobry

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Welcome – Good morning

"Timber – a New Policy for Europe"

4th Inter-Regional GATE Seminar
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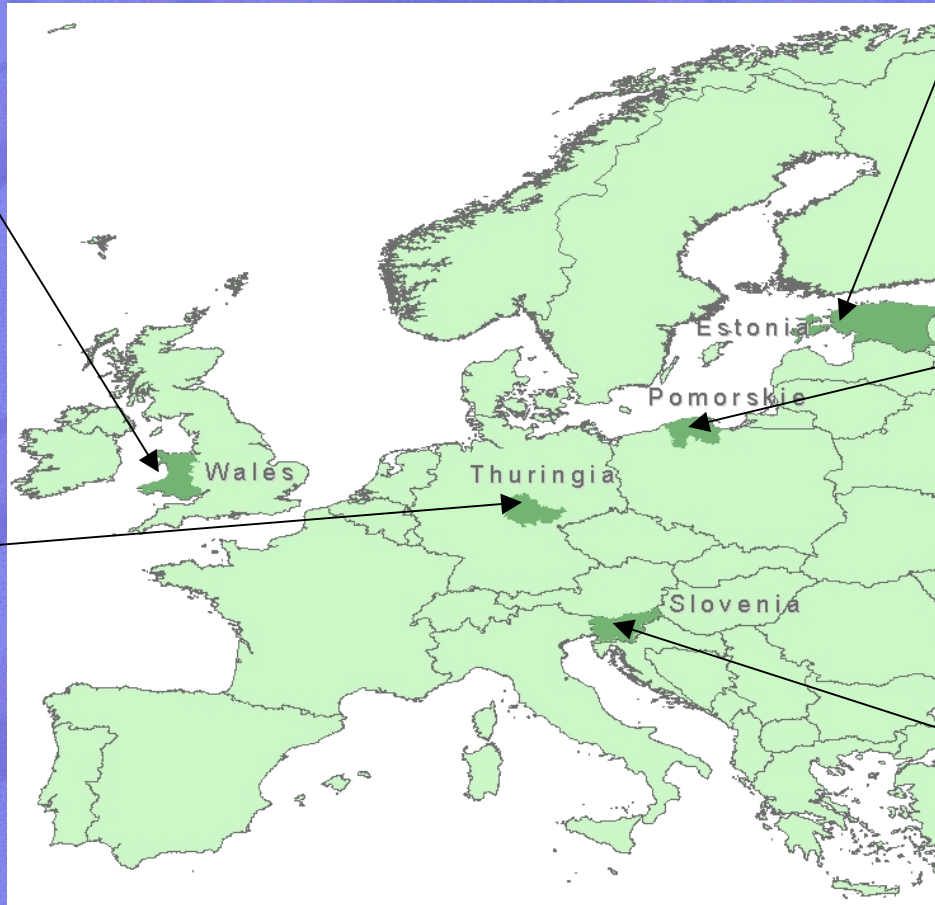
- Interreg III C programme
- Network project
- 5 Partner Regions:
 - Wales
 - Estonia
 - Slovenia
 - Thuringia (Germany)
 - Pomorskie (Poland)
- Wales is the lead partner
- 3 year duration (October 2004-December 2007)



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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

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 ...

Major GATE Events so far

- International Opening Conference in Wales
- Inter-regional 'Perceptions' seminar in Thuringia
- Inter-regional 'Economic Issues' seminar in Poland
- Inter-regional 'Technical' seminar in Slovenia

Other GATE Activities

- Fire safety seminar in Estonia
- Glued timber conference in Slovenia
- Focus Group meetings in Poland, Estonia and Slovenia
- Student design competition
- Two Greener Homes and Buildings Shows in Wales
- A travelling exhibition to fairs in Thuringia
- Workshops for students in Estonia
- Other local events in each Region

Forthcoming Events

- Inter-regional 'Policy' seminar in Estonia
- Handover events and workshops
- Closing International Conference in Cardiff, Wales
- Further local activities in each region
- Stakeholder directory published on website
- Future maintenance of the website
- Stakeholder networks continue after project closure

Tänan

Danke

Hvala

Dziękuję

Diolch yn fawr

Thank you

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