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LAUNCH OF WOODCIRCLE MOBILITY IN BUDAPEST

Twenty talented young people from the project's **five partner countries** had the chance to work together at the heart of Europe's timber industry.

The WOODCircle project, a collaboration between six dedicated European partners, has created **more than just mobility**. It was a **unique opportunity** for these young workers to go behind the scenes of the wood industry, from **production to design** and **recycling**, through **visits to factories** and **specialist studios**. June 10 saw the start of an enriching week with a packed programme. Participants were warmly welcomed and introduced to the WOODCircle project, before diving into the week's activities. **Team-building games** on the circular economy, as well as a presentation of the work to be done, marked the start of the mobility programme.

THE PILOTING PHASE OF THE WOODCIRCLE ERASMUS+ PROJECT

The WOODCircle Erasmus+ project, an initiative aimed at fostering **international collaboration** and **knowledge exchange**, recently completed its **piloting phase**. This phase, organised by **ATU Connemara**, was a success, with **participation from all partner countries** and an overwhelming response from the **different target group**.

The piloting phase was a critical step in the project's lifecycle, providing an **opportunity to test and refine** the project's components based on real-world feedback. More than **120 responses** were received overall, a testament to the project's reach and the interest it has generated among its target audience.

Let's harness this momentum to propel the WOODCircle Erasmus+ project to new heights, **inspiring significant change** and fostering a **culture of collaboration and knowledge exchange** beyond borders !

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SALONE DEL MOBILE.MILANO RENEWS ITS SUSTAINABILITY POLICY FOR 2024

The **SALONE DEL MOBILE.MILANO**, set up in Milan in 1961 to **promote the export of Italian furnishing and furnishing accessories**, is the benchmark international furnishing and design sector event: each year it attracts over **300,000 specialist visitors**, around **65%** of them from abroad, from more than **181 countries**, **5,000 Italian** and international journalists, and around **27,500 members of the public over the weekend**.

The pillars of the show are to build its path towards **sustainability**, in line with the principles of **inclusiveness, integrity** and **transparency**.

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THE LAST TRANSNATIONAL PARTNER MEETING OF WOODCIRCLE HAS CONCLUDED WITH OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN BUDAPEST

On 29-30 April 2024, the **third and last transnational partner meeting of the WOODCircle** Erasmus+ project took place in Budapest, **hosted by the Hungarian Furniture and Woodworking Association - Fabunio**.

The project, which introduces **woodworker students, workers** and those interested in the sector to the circular economy in the wood and furniture industry, is unique in several respects: it provides a **highly current knowledge base** through a **flexible, complex course**, which can be used not only as a **direct training course** but also as **an educational materials** for teachers. **Technological innovation and sustainability** are driving the transformation of the wood sector, requiring increasingly **advanced skills**. In response to this evolution, training centers are providing **educational programs** to prepare students for these challenges.

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