



***Dear friends and colleagues,***

Cost FP1303 "Performance of bio-based building materials" is nearing its conclusion. Started in October 2013, it finishes in October 2017, and this meeting represents the final main activity in the Action.

To date, the Action has held meetings in Paris, Kranjska Gora, Zurich, Llandudno, Lisbon, Tallinn, Madrid, Helsinki, Poznan and Sofia. Now for our final meeting we will visit our 11th country with this forthcoming meeting in Zagreb, Croatia.

The aim of the meeting will be to assess developments over the four years of the COST Action, and what has been achieved in that time in terms of best practice for bio-based materials in construction, how research and development has helped increase awareness, and commercial opportunities that now exist.

On behalf of the core group of the Action and the Local Organisers, we look forward to welcoming you to this meeting, to learn more about what the Action has achieved, to share your knowledge in the area of bio-based building materials and to build new collaborative links.

Dennis Jones

Chair, COST Action FP1303



### About Croatia and Zagreb

Croatia acceded to the EU on January 1, 2013 and has a long history, its first king was Tomislav back in 925. Zagreb is the capital and the largest city of Croatia. First mentioned by name in 1134, it is located in the northwest of the country, along the Sava river, at the southern slopes of the Medvednica mountain. Zagreb lies at an elevation of approximately 122 m (400 ft) above sea level.

### Local organisers

This COST FP1303 meeting will be organised by the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Forestry .



# FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

## COST FP1303

### BUILDING WITH BIO-BASED MATERIALS: BEST PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATION

6-7 September, 2017

ZAGREB, CROATIA



## Call for Abstracts

The organising committee of the final COST FP1303 meeting "Building with Bio-based materials: Best practice and performance specification" would be pleased to receive high quality papers on all subjects concerned with bio-based building materials. Oral and poster presentations will cover the following topics:

- Best Practice Specification
- Moisture Interactions
- Material Innovation
- Indoor Environment
- Education and Knowledge Transfer
- Market potential.

There will be an emphasis on presentations by Early Career Investigators, as well as ensuring gender balance and geographical distribution according to COST Office rules.

The meeting will also allow for a review of all the activities over the 4-year duration of the Action, and ways to maintain collaborative activities and developing new COST Actions.



## Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts should be submitted by email to the Local Organisers ( zivkovic@sumfak.hr) and the Action Chair (dr\_dennisjones@hotmail.co.uk) no later than **30 June, 2017**. Abstracts must be in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx **ONLY**). All accepted abstracts **MUST** submit a full paper for the electronic proceedings.

The official language of the conference will be English.

## Important Deadlines

**30 June, 2017 Abstract Deadline**

**31 July, 2017 Full Paper submission**

**31 July, 2017 Registration deadline**

## Scientific Committee

Dr. Dennis Jones (Chair of Action)

Dr. Christian Brischke (Vice-Chair)

Dr. Stig Bardage (WG1)

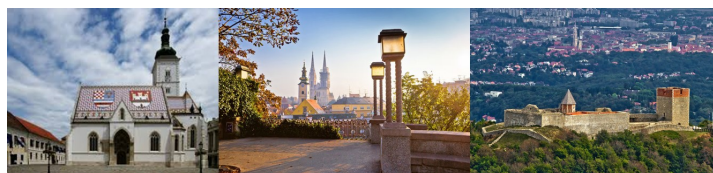
Dr. Lina Nunes (WG1)

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Dr. Miiha Humar (WG2)

Dr. Ed Suttie (WG3)

Dr. Andreja Kutnar (WG3)



## Conference fees

The conference fee has yet to be finalised, but will not be more than €100 for the two-day event.

Conference fee includes: admission to all scientific sessions, book of abstracts and conference proceedings, coffee breaks, two lunches, conference dinner.

Accompanying person are also welcome. Please ask for details.

## Venue

University of Zagreb Faculty of Forestry,  
Svetosimunska c. 25, 10 000 Zagreb, Croatia



## Accommodation and travel

There are regular flights to Zagreb from most major European airports. Delegates are recommended to arrange flights as early as possible to get the best possible fares.

There will be many hotels of different categories available close to the venue and within the city centre.

More details will be sent to delegates upon registration closer to the date of the meeting.