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PROJECT SUMMARY

The **DIGIT-FUR** project www.digit-fur.eu (Impacts of the digital transformation in the wood furniture industry) will focus on the changes caused by the **industrial digitization** on the **European wood furniture sector by 2025**. It is a two years project (2017-2019) funded by the EU through the call Support for Social Dialogue. The project main deliveries will provide a better understanding of the possible **scenarios of the sector due to digitalization by 2025** and the effect of this process on sector **jobs** in terms of changes in occupations, **health and safety risks** at work and new **skills** needed and thus support the social dialogue during next years.



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-FUR**

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PROJECT AIMS

- ➔ Contribute to the **social dialogue** at local, national and European level by delivering relevant information to workers, employers, VET providers and policy-makers.
- ➔ Better match the **supply of skills** and labour market demand and thus having the human capital of the furniture sector ready for the digitization transformation.
- ➔ Prevent any **Health & Safety risks** for the workers of the sector, due to the digitization impact.



PARTNERS DESCRIPTION

CENFIM

Furnishings Cluster and Innovation Hub (Catalonia, Spain) www.cenfim.org is a private non-profit foundation representing employers, involving companies in the home and contract furnishing sectors throughout their whole value chains. It involves as well four Catalan business associations of the wood and furniture sectors, the Rovira i Virgili University, La Sénia Town Council and the Department of Industry of the Catalan Government. The objective of CENFIM is to promote competitiveness through innovation, cooperation and training. It provides VET courses, technological and innovation support.

As associated organizations:

EFBWW

European federation of building and woodworkers www.efbww.org is a European-level social partner organisation representing European workers. It has 75 affiliated unions in 34 different European countries. Moreover, EFBWW is a member organisation of ETUC (European Trade Union Confederation).

UEA

European Furniture Manufacturers Federation www.ueanet.com is a European-level social partner organisation representing European employers and involves furniture national organizations from 7 countries.

EFIC

the European Furniture Industries Confederation www.efic.eu is a social partner organisation representing 12 European countries and the 70% of the total turnover of the furniture industries in Europe.

The four partners are active members of the European **Sectoral social dialogue - Furniture** and contribute to the discussions of the different working groups. The project will regularly update this committee about the project activities and achievements.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND DELIVERIES

- 1 Identification of the **current structural situation of the wood furniture sector**, with a special attention on the digitization state of the art along the whole value chain, but also key occupations (skills and H&S), market trends and other drivers of change.
- 2 Detection of the **possible sector scenarios due to digitalization by 2025** through a Delphi method research (survey and workshop) involving key stakeholders and a multidisciplinary team of experts.
- 3 Analysis of the **new functions and requirements for jobs** in each scenario.
- 4 Study how the changes in these scenarios will affect **workplaces health and safety risks**.
- 5 Identify appropriate digital (and other) **skills and knowledge** that better match with **new jobs requirements and functions**.
- 6 Map the **best practices** that EU member states and regions are implementing for promoting the industrial digitization.
- 7 Organization of a **Final dissemination event**.