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PEFC Building Bulletin

Building the future with certified wood

Welcome to the second edition of PEFC's newsletter for built environment professionals. We are delighted to be able to once again showcase projects which have PEFC certified wood - a renewable, reusable and responsibly sourced construction material for a low carbon future.



Public consultation PEFC Project Sourcing standard

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In April 2024, the oak roof structure of the restored Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral achieved PEFC Project certification

New project sourcing standard

Source responsible, certified timber and get recognition for it! For much of 2025, an expert taskforce has been developing PEFC's new Project Sourcing standard for projects covering any type of building, renovation, or creative work using wood or other forest and tree-based materials. This standard replaces PEFC's previous Project Certification requirements and introduces greater flexibility, enabling non-certified sub-contractors to operate under the 'umbrella' of a main contractor's certification when their activities are confined to the certified site. To ensure that this new standard is a valuable market tool, we need your feedback. You are invited to provide comments on the PEFC Project Sourcing standard by 23 December 2025. [Simply fill out this form](#) to get access to the standard for feedback.



Austria Pavillon © BMW Designers & Architects

Webinar: Introduction to the PEFC Project Sourcing standard

Join our upcoming webinar on **Monday, 10 November 2025, at 10:00 CET (in English)**, where we'll present the new PEFC Project Sourcing Standard for construction and built-environment projects. Our expert team will explain how it links to PEFC Chain of Custody, highlight innovations such as multi-project certification and SME inclusion, and show how you can contribute to the public consultation. Ideal for developers, architects, contractors, project managers and sustainability professionals involved in sourcing forest and tree-based materials. **Register here:**

<https://treee.es/proj-sourcing-web-nov>



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Wood Up Tower - a landmark in sustainable construction

In June, real estate company [REI Habitat](#), France's first PEFC-certified developer, officially launched 'Wood Up', a pioneering 50m-tall wooden tower in Paris's 13th arrondissement. With 132 residential units, the building is one of Europe's tallest timber buildings, a landmark in sustainable construction.

[Paris 'Wood Up' Tower, a landmark in sustainable building - PEFC - Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification](#)



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Sprint Canopy

27m high and nestled between two skyscrapers, Singapore's Sprint Canopy is Southeast Asia's tallest single-span timber structure. The project used 1,150 m³ of PEFC-certified spruce and spans a 3,000 m² public plaza that connects five buildings – acting as a functional but striking architectural landmark. The architectural design references the fan vaulted ceilings of Gothic architecture and European cathedrals.

[Sprint Canopy: PEFC timber, low carbon, high impact - PEFC - Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification](#)



Art regenerates life: Italy leads the way at Osaka Expo

With the theme of 'Art Regenerates Life', the Italian Pavilion at Osaka Expo was conceived as a 'grand showcase of Italian craftsmanship', drawing its inspiration from the Ideal City of the Renaissance. Approximately 85% of the total wood used to build the structure is PEFC certified. This was the highest percentage of wood, by volume, originating in sustainably managed forests, of any of the Osaka Expo 2025 pavilions.

[PEFC helps Italian 'Art Regenerate Life' in Japan - PEFC - Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification](#)



Architects go back to source.

Earlier this year, fifty built environment professionals joined a field trip in the Couvin region of Belgium to explore a PEFC-certified timber supply chain, from forest to final build. The event aimed to help architects, engineers, and project owners learn more about the advantages of a local, fully traceable, and sustainable wood industry.

[An immersive day at the heart of Belgium's wood industry - PEFC - Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification](#)



Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction

PEFC are now members!

We are honoured to have been accepted as a member of the UN Environment Programme's Global Alliance for Building and Construction programme. Based in Paris, the Global ABC is the leading global platform for governments, private sector, civil society, research, and intergovernmental organisations committed to a common vision: a zero-emission, efficient and resilient buildings and construction sector. We are looking forward to advancing the cause of certified sustainable timber as a renewable, reusable and responsibly sourced building material for a low carbon future, within the alliance and beyond.

Join us in shaping a forest-positive future

PEFC Alliance member PEFC UK, offers a series of CPD-accredited courses designed for construction professionals who want to build their expertise in sustainable timber. These one-hour online sessions provide clear, practical guidance and are free to attend. More information can be found here: [Construction - Sustainable Forest Management](#)

[Learn more](#)

PEFC is the world's largest forest certification system, with national members in 57 countries and 290+ million hectares certified. By choosing PEFC certified wood, you help safeguard forests, promote sustainable forestry, and support sustainable construction.

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