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# More than 230 companies from 18 countries will showcase equipment at Woodex 2021

The 17<sup>th</sup> International exhibition of equipment and technologies for woodworking and furniture production will take place from 30 November to 3 December 2021 at Crocus Expo. The event is organized by Hyve – the leader of the Russian exhibition services.

Woodex is the largest exhibition of equipment and technologies for woodworking and furniture production in Russia, which is held biennially.

This year, over 230 Russian and foreign companies will take part in the exhibition. Exhibitors will showcase equipment and services for woodworking, furniture production, wood waste utilization, paints and varnishes, wood-protecting compounds, related equipment, and components. More than 25 companies will exhibit for the first time. The total area of the exhibition will be over 18,000 square meters.

Despite the difficult economic conditions and restrictions due to pandemic, the organizers have done everything to ensure the presence of 130 foreign companies from 17 countries: Germany, Italy, Spain, Finland, Latvia, Belarus, Turkey, Sweden, Estonia, Denmark, and others.

The exhibition will be supported by the European Federation of Woodworking Machinery Manufacturers (EUMABOIS).

**Exhibition sponsor: HOMAG Group.** 

#### **Exhibition sectors**

In 2021, Woodex will consist of 6 sectors: "Equipment and tools for furniture production", "Equipment and tools for woodworking", "Equipment for wood waste utilization", "Logging machines", "Paintwork materials, adhesives, sealants and wood protection", "Auxiliary equipment".

Companies like Altendorf, Biesse, DITEC, Felder Group, HOMAG Group, Ledinek, Liga Machinery, SCM GROUP, Weinig, Association KAMI, MDM-TECHNO, OPTTORGSERVIS, KOVROV BOILERS, RUSWEST COMPANY, TOPSTANKI, TD BAKAYT, EKOVENT K, and others will exhibit at Woodex 2021.

Traditionally, Finnish companies exhibit at Woodex with an extensive exposure. The organizer is Arvelin International Oy. At the national pavilion, the products of the leading Finnish companies in the field of woodworking equipment production will be showcased. The following companies will take part in the pavilion: Finnos, MaNiTek, Mychrome, Pinomatic, Plytec, Raute Corporation, Valon Kone, Valutec, Veisto, and FinScan.

30 companies will showcase their equipment at the German national pavilion. At Woodex 2021, the companies will offer visitors the equipment for wood waste utilization, production of wood briquettes and granular materials, production of chipboard, MDF, OSB and LVL boards, as well as equipment and engineering solutions for the woodworking and furniture industries. Companies like AMF-Bruns, Bruks Kloeckner, Kuendig, Holtec, Heinrich Kuper, IMA Schelling Group, Linck, Michael Weinig, Minda, Swema, Vecoplan, Weima, and others will take part in the pavilion.

40 Italian companies will take part in the exhibition. The Italian national pavilion, organized with the support of the ITA (Trade Department of the Italian Embassy in Moscow), will showcase 23 companies, including: Acimall, BUP Utensili, Ecoline, ILMA, IMAS AEROMECCANICA, KOIMPEX SRL, OMGA / DIERREGI, and others. On November 30, ITA will organize a press conference "Woodworking Equipment Market: Opportunities and Prospects for Italian-Russian Cooperation".

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### **Business programme**

Within 3 days the business programme will be held on the most pressing topics of this year, including 10 major industry events with the participation of more than 50 speakers: representatives of government and public organizations and heads of leading companies.

On November 30, the business programme of the exhibition will start with the plenary session "Results of the development of the timber industry in Russia in 2021". The speakers will discuss the results of the forestry sector in 2021 and the aspects of industry growth, and talk about modern lumber, wood-based panels, wooden housing construction, and biofuels. The event will be supported by the information portal of the forestry industry ProDerevo.

During the conference "WoodTech: Marketplaces and technologies for automating the supply chain in woodworking", the experts will discuss the marketplaces, electronic document management, trade finance and online banking, supply chain automation, cargo tracking and RFID, and trade analytics in the timber industry. Conference partner: Lesprom Network.

At the specialized session "Robotization of woodworking and furniture industries. Features, directions and prospects" robot manufacturers and integrators will share cases of robotization of furniture production, and customers will express their experience of implementing robots in production. Session partner: Russian Association of Robotics (RAR).

Traditionally, on the first day of the exhibition, a partner conference "Fuel pellets, briquettes and wood chips: production, sales, and consumption" will take place. The trends in the production and marketing of various types of biofuels, primarily wood pellets, briquettes, wood chips will be discussed during the event. Special attention will be paid to the combustion of biofuels for energy production, carbonization, and torrefaction of biofuels, subsidies for the export of biofuels and their licensing. Organizers: Infobio and The Bioenergy International magazine.

On December 1, a case session "What do designers say? A look at the industry from the inside and outside." will take place. Designers will share their successful experience in organizing furniture production and discuss the issue of training and adaptation of students into production. The session partner will be the Design Industry Association (DIA).

The discussion of the top managers of the timber industry complex "Industrial Housing Construction 2022. Markets, Technologies, Investments" will be held with the support of the Association of Wooden Housing Construction. Experts will discuss new consumer preferences, promising technologies for wooden housing construction, and possible successful investment strategies in the context of dramatically changing commodity and consumer markets.

At the conference "Chemical industry for woodworking", speakers will discuss state support for chemical industry enterprises that develop products for woodworking, and the problems and prospects of the industry of paints and varnishes. The event will be held with the support Chimvest of the Ministry of Industry and Trade of Russia. Session sponsor: Tikkurila company – a leading company in the paint and varnish market.

At the "Plitprom-2021" partnership conference, speakers will discuss this year's trends that will remain relevant in the mid-term: post-coronavirus industry shake-up, digital technologies, trade wars, the upcoming tightening of eco-legislation in Europe, energy efficiency. Organizer: LesPromInform magazine.

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On December 2, during a round table on the topic "Staffing of timber industry enterprises. How to ensure the development of the industry in a dynamically changing environment?" speakers will discuss trends in the markets for raw materials and timber industry products, changes in approaches to the selection, management, and maintenance of modern sawmill equipment, and various aspects of personnel training in the forestry complex. Partner: Russian Timber Industry Machinery and Equipment Producers Association (LESTECH).

At the partner event "Sawmilling: high demand and price volatility as an opportunity for the sawmill industry", speakers will sum up the results of the year of sawmills, give a forecast of prices and demand for sawn timber, discuss the sawn timber markets in Russia, North America, China, the Middle East, and North Africa, and will also give an overview of promising technological solutions for sawmills. Organizer of the conference: information portal of the forestry industry ProDerevo.

#### **Health & Safety**

In 2021 Woodex has been declared a "COVID-free" exhibition. A "COVID -free" exhibition is an exhibition at which site the "Recommendations for the implementation of measures to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus infection (COVID-19) during congress and exhibition activities" (approved by the Head of Federal Service for Supervision of Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare on 26 June 2020) are fully observed.

In accordance with the requirements of Rospotrebnadzor, there will be body temperature screening, as well as check of medical masks and gloves availability. Only the organiser's employees with the COVID status "vaccinated", "recovered", or "negative PCR test", confirmed by a QR code, will be allowed to work on site.

At the entrance to the exhibition site, all visitors, exhibitors, partners, and mass media representatives will be checked for the presence of a QR code confirming the status of "vaccinated", "recovered" or "negative PCR test". Be ready to present your ID or passport to verify your QR code.

#### Partners:

General information partner: LesPromInform magazine.

General media partner: information portal of the forestry industry ProDerevo.

Official media partner of the sector "Equipment for wood waste processing": Infobio.

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