



About FTP

The Forest-based Sector Technology Platform (FTP) is an international non-profit association registered under Belgian law. It is the recognised European Technology Platform dedicated to the forest-based sector. FTP provides a meeting place for industry, forest owners and public authorities, to discuss and build up a critical mass of knowledge on common research and innovation needs for the sector, and to identify the best ways to cooperate.

FTP aims to initiate, coordinate, manage and promote research and innovation in the forest-based value-chain in the Member States of the European Union and countries associated with the European Research Framework Programmes. In this way, FTP delivers sound, scientific, strategic and EU-relevant information to public funding providers, thus facilitating opportunities for targeted investments in research, technological developments and innovation (RTDI).

With its Secretariat Office based in Brussels, FTP is the primary focal point for the European Commission with regard to forest-based research and innovation. Through its strong representation in various EU advisory bodies and expert groups, FTP advises policymakers on the sector's RTDI priorities. FTP also collaborates with other organisations in various initiatives and projects, aiming to profile the forest-based sector as the key actor in and enabler of a sustainable circular bioeconomy.

FTP's mission is to advance **the competitiveness and sustainability of the forest-based sector through innovation**. The core activities managed and carried out by FTP include:

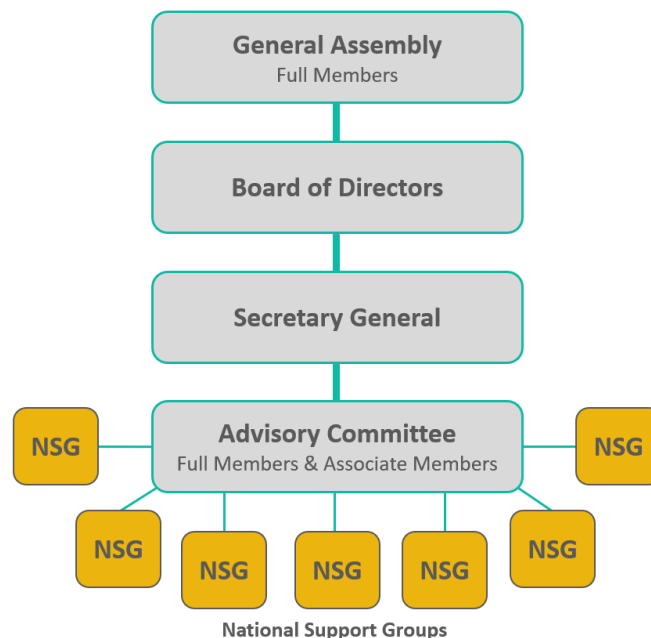
Forest-based Sector Technology Platform



1. To develop and promote the [joint research and innovation vision of the forest-based sector](#) in the European Research Area;
2. To develop, promote and implement the [strategic research and innovation agenda](#) of the forest-based sector;
3. To facilitate maximum public funding for the benefit of the sector's stakeholders;
4. To create opportunities for cooperative research and innovation at European level;
5. To strengthen the innovation profile of the forest-based sector;
6. To provide an international platform in which members, industry actors, forest owners and public authorities work together to advance competitiveness, sustainability and innovation in the forest-based sector;
7. To mobilize a critical mass of research and innovation capacity from within the sector.

For more information about FTP, please visit our website www.forestplatform.org.

FTP Organisational Structure





Membership

As a membership-based association, FTP aims to provide the best services and value to its members. With their expertise, knowledge and network, FTP's members are the backbone of the association, providing significant support to FTP's activities at EU and national levels.

Who can become a member

FTP membership is open to organisations who are representatives of the European Research Area forest-based sector.

Membership categories

FTP offers two membership categories: Full Members and Associate Members.

Can become Full Members	Can become Associate Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Confederations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Representatives of the European Research Area forest-based sector. • <u>Companies:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stakeholders in the forest-based sector; ○ Large enterprises or Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisations with a legal personality which; • Supports the goals of FTP through advice, influence and activities.

For full information on the benefits and obligations of membership, please send an email to ftp@forestplatform.org.

Five reasons to become an FTP Member

1. *Joining a unique network for sharing knowledge and building capacity*

Becoming a member of FTP means joining an **international platform** in which members, industry actors, forest owners and managers as well as public authorities work together to advance competitiveness, sustainability and innovation in the forest-based sector. It also provides a strong network for members to exchange knowledge, ideas and update research and innovation information at national, European, and international levels.

2. *Shaping the future of the forest-based sector*

FTP represents the interests of its members vis-à-vis the European Union's institutions, the governments of countries where members are headquartered, and international organisations. It identifies, explores, compares and examines how the European Union's and/or other international organisations' research and innovation-related policies interact with local policies in the forest-based sector, and provides members with advice on how this may affect their activities and how they can react towards such policies.

FTP Members can participate in advising and formulating a common perspective on research and innovation priorities for the forest-based sector, such as contributing to the development of **the joint vision of the forest-based value-chain** in the European Research Area as well as the



sector's **strategic research and innovation agenda**. Through its strong representation in various EU advisory bodies and expert groups, FTP also provides members with opportunities to enhance their voice at international, EU and national debates and policy developments related to the sector.

3. Updating industry news and insight

Members are regularly informed about internal issues, new funds and calls for proposals, policy developments and other news related to the forest-based sector through FTP's digital communication channels such as **newsletters**, which are published on average 6 times a year, **FTP's website** and **social media platforms** ([Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#)). The **FTP Database**, a resourceful tool to track the progress of the sector's research and innovation agenda, compiles ongoing and concluded research and innovation activities carried out within the European forest-based sector, and provides details of relevant funding opportunities.

4. Increasing credibility and visibility

Members are invited to participate in **FTP's events** such as the General Assembly, annual conference, seminars, workshops, and other programs and gatherings at international, EU and national levels.

FTP's website and **social media channels**, such as [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#), are used to update and promote not only FTP's activities but also the activities of its members.

5. Receiving timely support from the FTP Secretariat Office

The FTP Secretariat Office, situated in the heart of the EU quarter in Brussels, provides timely support to members in terms of up-to-date information, advice on funding opportunities, networking and finding relevant contact points. Members are welcome to consult the Secretariat Office on issues which are of interest to them.

Besides the common membership benefits mentioned above, there are some differences between the two membership categories.

Full Members	Associate Members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the right to be a candidate for FTP's Board of Directors; • Have the right to attend and vote at the General Assembly; • Can participate in making strategic decisions on FTP's activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can participate in the election of their national representative to FTP's Advisory Committee; • Have the right to attend the General Assembly, without voting rights but with the right to be heard.

Contact us

To apply or to get more information, please contact us at ftp@forestplatform.org. We will be happy to answer all your enquiries at your convenience.