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Robinwood at Royal Welsh

The true state of the Welsh timber industry will be uncovered in the first phase of a ground-breaking project for Wales, showing how best forestry practices can help provide jobs and new income across rural Europe.

Robinwood – a Forestry Commission Wales European Interreg IIIc project - is helping point the way to a sustainable future through trees and timber.

And the first results of the £4 million project – a snapshot of the current status of timber production, woodland use, wood energy programmes and hydrology across the whole of Wales – will be announced on Monday 18 July at 3pm at the Forestry Commission Wales pavilion on the Royal Welsh Showground.

It is the first time Wales has been a partner in one of the European Interreg 111c RFO (Regional Framework Operation) projects aimed at bringing partner countries together, fostering cross border work between academics, private business and the public sector. The Welsh part of the three and a half year project is worth 1 million Euro to Wales.

The Welsh strand of the work will pull together information on how forests in at least three of the countries are looked after now, and how best methods can be used and developed across all six regions.

Brandenburg, Germany; Liguria, northern Italy; Murcia, southern Spain; Pomorskie, Poland, Wales and Eastern Slovakia have worked in close collaboration on the project and will continue exchanging details of their own experiences and working together on new initiatives.

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