



Topic

Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology - KBBE-2007-3-1-04: Forest Products

Funding Scheme

Collaborative Project-Large-scale integrating project

Project coordinator

University of Pisa

Project Duration

July 2008 - June 2012



The “Forest Resource Sustainability Through Bio-Based-Composite Development” Project aims to develop bio-based composite materials to be used in different domains.

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| University of Pisa | IT | UNI |
| SC RODAX IMPEX SRL | RO | SME |
| Budapest University of Technology and Economics | HU | UNI |
| Latvian State Institute of Wood Chemistry | LV | RESEARCH |
| University of Almeria | ES | UNI |
| Fundacion CARTIF | ES | FOUNDATION |
| University of Agronomical Sciences and Veterinary Medicine of Bucharest | RO | UNI |
| PEMU Plastic Processing co | HU | SME |
| FIAT Research Centre | IT | RESEARCH |
| Organic Waste System | BE | SME |
| Ritols Ltd | LV | SME |
| INCERPLAST A.S. | RO | AS |
| WIEDEMANN GMBH | DE | SME |
| Norconserv A.S. | NO | AS |
| NEOCHIMIKI L.V. LAVRENTIADIS S.A. | GR | AS |
| COSMETIC | GR | SME |

Rodax Impex SRL is a company dealing with the design and development of medical instruments, appliances and furniture, especially for the orthopaedic departments; design and development of packing machinery, equipments and tinny furniture; design and development of tinny interior and exterior facilities.

The company is managed by Mr. Laurentiu Moldovan, who kindly accepted to speak about his success story in participating as a partner in an FP7 project

What problems did you encounter during the project?

Laurentiu Moldovan (Manager): At the beginning of the project we took some time to analyse each Work-Package and identify the specific tasks we had to implement in each stage of the project. Everything was discussed and subsequently clarified at the first consortium meeting.

What has been the greatest success of the project (so far)?

Laurentiu Moldovan: The project is currently in its first phase, the first network meeting took place and all project details have been discussed. We consider that the most important success is the fruitful collaboration among the members of the consortium. The great success of the project will appear after four years of hard work. For our company it is already a success to be in this consortium because it proves that our development strategy led us to find the opportunity to prove our knowledge at European level and to develop new business connections. Finally the development of new products resulting from the FORBIOPLAST Project: car seat, biodegradable plant pot, substitute of lightweight

expanded clay aggregate, tomato clip, encapsulated fertilizer, container for cosmetics, container for chemicals, container for fish, container for transport of fish, container for biological egg, biodegradable food film packaging will be a success of the Project.

Do you have any suggestions for other SMEs/Academia that would like to get involved in such projects?

Laurentiu Moldovan: Our suggestion is to carefully analyse the themes and domains of the projects and especially their implementation methodology. In order to facilitate their way, they can subscribe to the SMEs go Health database, where they will find reliable partners for their project ideas, but also get connected with other organizations from all over the world. Furthermore, they can use the free help of their National Contact Point (in Romania's case, FM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SRL) to find out everything they need to know about developing project proposals and project implementation

What is the general impression so far?

Laurentiu Moldovan: So far, we are very pleased about our collaboration with all partners; they are very experienced, task

oriented, and well organized professionals. Our organization participated in the kick off meeting of the Project, organized by the University of Pisa in July 2008, where the Project Coordinator, Prof. Andrea Lazzeri, presented the objectives of the Project and its implementation plan. Each participant presented the activity of their organization and its structure. In this first meeting, the involvement of the Project was established, each participant emphasizing their contribution to the Project. In January 2009, the second meeting of the Project was organized by the Fundacion Cartif from Spain in Valladolid. The participants presented their activity for the first six months of the Project and the priorities for the next period were established, underlining the importance of each organization in the accomplishment of the Project's objectives. The Project Coordinator continuously maintains communication with the Partner Organizations, distributing the Project documents to all the participants. Finally, we hope that this Project will fully reach its objectives and we also hope to have a strong relationship with all of our partners in order to collaborate strongly in the future.