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PROJECT

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1.- Second meeting

On 25 and 26 May 2015 has been held the second meeting of the project.

This meeting lasted for two days and developed in the CFPIMM - Center of professional training of wood and furniture-located in Lordelo (Porto), who were coordinators of the meeting.

The objective of the meeting was the definition of the future scenarios in the Europe 2020 compared to which the skills that workers in the sector, must have both from the point of view of horizontal competencies as vertical competences will be defined. These new scenarios have been defined from the documentation collected by all members above.

For the definition of the characteristics of these future scenarios the different partners of the project have been taken into account:

- The situation of the sector of furniture in each of the participating countries, providing sectoral data.
- The evolution of consumers.
- Studies and prospective works on different possible scenarios for the future.

Among the activities carried out during the two-day meeting, along with productive work sessions in which progress was made to a proposal for a

future scenario, stress also the visit to the FENABEL.PT company that has managed to stay on the current situation of crisis in which the furniture sector, since it has adopted strategies of business and performance that allowed it to not only grow, but also opening up new business markets. Highlight among other things, its export capacity, more than 90% of its production, investment in equipment and technology, the investment in training for their workers, making a great versatility between them and the ease of adaptation to the changes that are generated.



2.-Intellectual Outputs

Since the meeting of the project the project partners have been working on the development of two fundamental objectives intellectuals in order to achieve the objective of the project.

Intellectual Output O1: Preparation of a document that reflects the current situation of the sector of furniture in each of the participating countries, which will give us a starting point.

So AIDIMA developed the table model that should be filled by all the partners, with the country information, information related to:

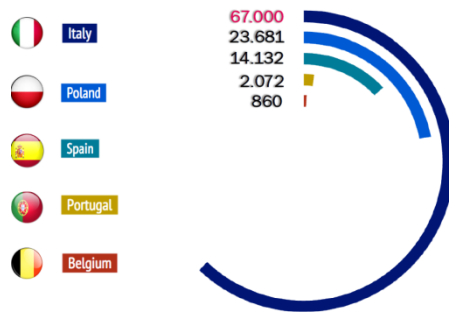
- Number of companies and their evolution over these five years .

- The types of companies and their distribution by type of product.
- Most used materials and technological level of the companies.
- Sections of business and level of training of workers of the same.
- Types of studies related to the furniture sector in each of the participating countries.
- Export level and characteristics of distribution systems furniture.

With the information collected by each of the partners COSMOB has prepared a summary of the findings, which was presented during the meeting, highlighting:

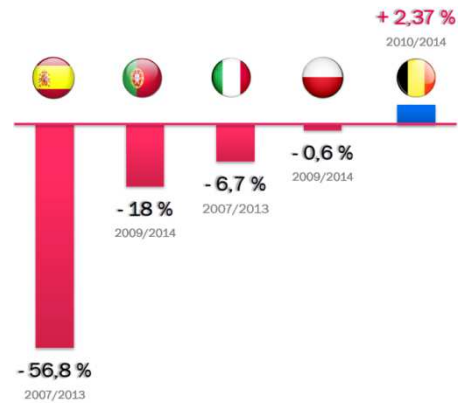
NUMBER OF COMPANIES

in the furniture sector



EVOLUTION IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

% of increase or decrease



VALUE OF PRODUCTION in EUR



TRAINING AND QUALIFICATIONS

related to the furniture sector



1. Vocational Training (3 years)

- Woodworking and wood carving - Interior designer - Refurbishment of furniture - Modern and design furniture - Furniture garnishments
- Grey worker + Furniture upholsterer - Mechanical woodworking + Assistant furniture producer - Furniture producer + Assistant int. builder

2. Higher education: None specific for furniture industry:

- Material and product design - Bio-engineering (wood technology) - Engineering (product design)



1. Certificates of Professionalism: wood and furniture sector.

2. Vocational Training Cycles

- Professional title of basic carpentry and furniture - Technician in joinery and furniture - Technical installation and furnishing - Technician in design and furnishing

3. Higher Education: Wood technology faculties in cooperation with technical universities or university of fine arts.



1. Post-diploma training courses (1-2 years)

- Technical design and industrial design
- Technical production of furniture

2. Vocational Training Cycles (3-4 years)

- Operator of the wood - Wood technician

3. Higher Education:

None specific for furniture sector.



1. Certificates of Professionalism: wood and furniture sector.

2. Vocational Training Cycles

- Professional title of basic carpentry and furniture - Technician in joinery and furniture - Technical installation and furnishing - Technician in design and furnishing

3. Higher Education: Forestry Studies.

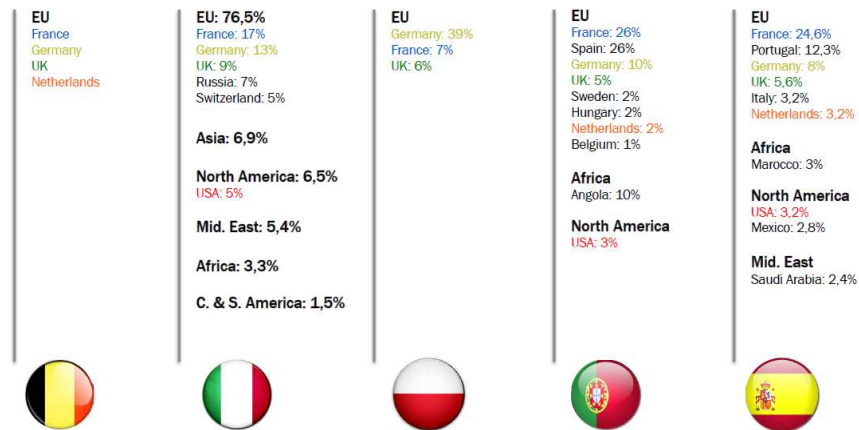


1. Polytechnic Institute

2. Vocational Training Centre:

- Wood and furniture

COUNTRIES WHERE NATIONAL FURNITURE IS EXPORTED

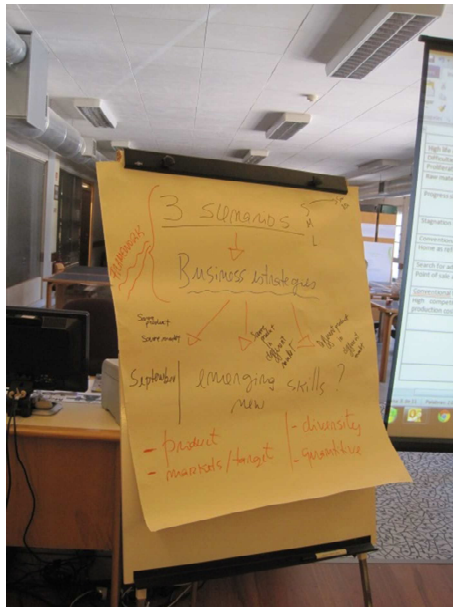


CONCLUSIONS

- The actual crisis, started in 2007, led companies into a strong decrease in terms of development
- The furniture industry is characterized by a majority of SMEs with less than 50 or even less than 10 employees each.
- The production processes have been widely made automatic
- Companies regular departments depends on company size, but the majority of SMEs determines that different roles coincide in a single person.
- Studies level in furniture training are not deductible since there's not an univocal training: there is not a specific course but many other different specializations, specifically for higher education.
- Most furniture companies produce for export: from 40% to 90% of companies (destinations: EU countries and US)
- Contract constitute a significant portion of exports for medium and big companies.

Intellectual Output O2: AIDIMA based on different prospective studies, such as CEFFOR, has prepared a document outlining possible scenarios.

- **RETAIL BRAND SCENARIO**
- **LOW CONSUMPTION SCENARIO**
- **SMART SOLUTIONS SCENARIO**



From this information and this document and knowledge of the different partners has obtained a future

scenario that contemplates variables to consider in these four major areas:

1. **POPULATION AND SOCIETY**
2. **RAW MATERIAL AND PRODUCTION**
3. **PRODUCTS, TRENDS IN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND TECHNOLOGICAL**
4. **INTERACTION OF CONSUMER BEHAVIOR**

Among the information collected noted the information provided by AIDIMA related to the evolution of consumers, based on the study by the OTH - Habitat Trends Observatory- on new ways of living.

Next September, the next meeting of the project in which they are determined and define the competencies needed workers according to these areas of work and the issues involved for the future will unfold.



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