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## EPF Position Paper: Wood-Fibre Insulation – Preferred Choice for a Sustainable Building Sector

Dear Madam or Sir,

On behalf of the European Panel Federation (EPF), which represents wood-based panel producers across 30 European countries - an industry with a turnover exceeding €25 billion and over 100,000 direct jobs, mostly in rural areas - I am pleased to share our Position Paper on Wood Fibre Insulation (WFI). Our panels are a key input to the European furniture, construction and packaging sectors, collectively supporting over 1 million jobs across Europe.

The EU's ambition to retrofit 3% of homes annually by 2040 is achievable, but only if the right building materials are properly recognised in policy frameworks. Wood fibre insulation is one of the few construction materials that is **genuinely carbon-negative**: a single insulated roof locks in the equivalent of three years of car emissions, while simultaneously reducing energy demand. **European production capacity of WFI has more than doubled since 2020, growing at 13% per year, and the industry is ready to scale further.**

**Despite this potential, wood fibre insulation holds just 4-5% of the insulation market.** Closing that gap requires targeted policy action - in particular, embedding climate performance criteria in public procurement, recognising biogenic carbon storage under the CRCF Regulation, and ensuring coherence with the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive and the European Affordable Housing Plan.

Our Position Paper sets out three concrete recommendations to unlock these benefits. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss them further and remain at your disposal.

Yours sincerely,

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