

# 7 steps to make it 100% clear that you use sustainable timber in your construction project



## 1. GETTING ACQUAINTED

Inform your customer about the advantages of using certified wood:



Trees absorb about 1 ton CO<sub>2</sub> per square metre while growing. Timber continues to store CO<sub>2</sub> throughout its entire life cycle.



Building with timber has proven health benefits. It improves the indoor climate due to its moisture absorbing properties and delivers high acoustic performance.



PEFC requires forest owners to manage their forests well so that they are around now and in the future. Thus, the forests continue to absorb and store CO<sub>2</sub>.

## 2. DURING THE DESIGN PHASE

Specify PEFC-certified timber and timber products at the design phase.



## 3. WHILE WORKING ON THE TECHNICAL DESIGN

When completing the technical design with a technical description of colors and materials used think of the many possibilities.

*PEFC-certified timber is available in many varieties: from traditional timber frame, sheet materials, such as OSB or MDF, and panels to Engineered Wood, like Cross Laminated Timber (CLT), Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL), Glued Laminated Timber (Glulam).*

*Engineered Wood is predominantly, abt. 90%, made from PEFC-certified Douglas-Fir, Pine, Spruce or Larch and provide low carbon building solution that can be stacked on-site and provide increased building speed.*

*Wood is also used for interior fit out, for example flooring, roof trusses, staircases, windows and doors.*



## 4. IN THE INVITATION TO TENDER

Specify certified timber as a requirement in your invitation to tender or request for quotation. To have a broad choice of materials, we advise you to not specify timber species, but to explain the relevant performance requirements needed.



## 5. CHOOSE CERTIFIED SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS

Choose certified suppliers and contractors holding the PEFC Chain of Custody certificate. You can search for PEFC-certified companies on our website.

[www.pefc.org/  
find-certified](http://www.pefc.org/find-certified)

## 6. ON DELIVERY

Check the invoice or delivery note for the timber or timber product: '100% PEFC Origin', including the PEFC certificate number; or 'X% PEFC-certified', including the PEFC certificate number. The PEFC claim can be provided for re-used timber as well.



## 7. PROMOTE YOUR USE OF CERTIFIED TIMBER AND TIMBER PRODUCTS

Let people know about your practice's commitment to PEFC-certified timber and timber products in your promotional activities and its guarantees.



## THE PEFC LABEL GUARANTEES

- ✓ Prevention of deforestation;
- ✓ Maintenance and improvement of biodiversity;
- ✓ Protection of ecological valuable areas;
- ✓ Indigenous people's rights are protected;
- ✓ Protection of the rights and well-being of people working in the forest and value chain;
- ✓ Employment for local people;
- ✓ Forests act as a carbon sink helping to mitigate climate change.



**Thank you!** By using PEFC-certified timber, you are responding to the climate emergency by helping prevent deforestation, increasing CO<sub>2</sub> absorption and rewarding foresters around the globe who have invested in forest certification to demonstrate their commitment to responsible forest management.

