



PRESS RELEASE

Horizon 2020 project Forwarder2020 wins Product of the Year Prize at Forest Romania Fair

At the weekend, from 5th to 7th of September, the Forest Romania Fair took place at Zizin, Brasov County. **Coordinator HSM as well as Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering – Transilvania University of Brasov**, attended the fair. Also **one prototype** (Proto 1) of the project was **presented**, which has previously been tested in the mountainous Romanian forests under harsh operational conditions. During the fair, the prototype has attracted a lot of attention from the part of timber harvesting companies whose representatives had the opportunity to visualize the main innovations integrated into the machine such as the transmission system and the modified cabin.



Faculty of Silviculture and Forest Engineering & forwarder prototype at Forest Romania Fair

Highlight of the fair was the **competition Product of the Year** which aimed to award three innovative products characterized by the greatest potential to significantly change the national and international forest sector. Forwarder2020 prototype took part in this competition, to which subscribed many companies. It is an honour to announce that Forwarder2020 prototype - **HSM 208F 14t HVT-R2** - **won one of the three prizes** as Product of the Year!



Product of the Year Prize, won by **FORWARDER2020 – HSM 208F 14t HVT-R2**

Considering both, the prize granted based on the performance and innovation character of the prototype, as well as the results of the field tests carried on in the Romanian conditions, the initial hypotheses of the FORWARDER2020 consortium were validated and acknowledged by representatives of the forest supply chain. These hypotheses were related to the possibility to increase the operational efficiency in terms of speed and productivity as well as in terms of environmental impact and operational costs.

We congratulate the fair organizers for the success of the fair and we are thanking them for the opportunity to introduce and present the product to a wide public during the event. Last, but not least, we congratulate the





participants to the fair, who were present in such a high number, for their willingness to participate and involvement in the perpetuation of an event that becomes, already, a tradition. Congratulations to all!

PROJECT SUMMARY

Forwarder2020 is a Horizon 2020 innovation project with the aim of improving the sustainability of wood production and delivery as well as operational forest management and planning. Within the project innovations for more efficient forwarders, essential wood extraction and transportation vehicles, will be developed and tested in real conditions.

With a total budget of almost 3M€ (2 M€ funding) 14 European partners from industry and research will work on five innovative modules for forwarders aiming at improving efficiency of the machine, reducing the fuel consumption and minimizing the impact on the environment and on the operators' health. Over the course of three years (2016-2019) the Forwarder2020 partners will gather their expertise to advance diverse technologies, which will contribute to smart and sustainable logging operations using innovative forestry machines. All in all the five innovative modules will be integrated into two prototypes which will be tested in Scotland, Lithuania and Romania.

For more information on Forwarder2020 and to stay updated on the project's activities and progress, please see the website www.forwarder2020-project.eu

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Project duration: 10/2016 – 09/2019

Participant countries: Germany, Italy, Lithuania, Romania, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

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