

# Wood in healthcare buildings – Wood for Health project results seminar

Wood *for*  
Health

**Date:** 11th of June 2025, 10:00–15:15

**Location:** Pajakka Hall, Kuhmo-talo, Kuhmo and Teams

**For:** Developers and builders, especially those working with healthcare properties, R&D or anyone interested in wood construction

Wood is widely used in schools, kindergartens, and elderly care homes as building material. It is environmental-friendly material that supports user comfort and well-being. Wood is also used in healthcare buildings, but its use is more constricted due to the spatial requirements to material durability and cleanliness. More information is needed about the properties and suitability of wood in healthcare setting to increase its usage.

The Measurement Technology Unit of the University of Oulu led the European Wood for Health project, which promotes the use of wood by preparing guidelines for the use of wood in healthcare buildings, developing new antimicrobial coatings, studying microbes found on the surfaces in hospital, and by comparing Nordic hospital construction regulations regarding the use of wood. The seminar is the national closing seminar of the Wood for Health project.

**Registration deadline Monday 2.6.2025.**

**Link for the registration:** <https://link.webropol-surveys.com/EP/E9BAB30D79A64136>

## **Program:**

**Klo 9:30 Morning coffee, Kahvila Juttua (Kuhmo-talo)**

**Klo 10:00 Opening words**

Ilse Ekman, Project researcher, University of Oulu, Unit of Measurement Technology, Kajaani, Finland

**Klo 10:10 Greetings from city of Kuhmo**

Juhana Juntunen, Town Mayor, Town of Kuhmo, Finland

**Klo 10:30 Wood for Health project and its main results**

Dr. Pekka Kilpeläinen, Research Manager, University of Oulu, Unit of Measurement Technology, Kajaani, Finland

**Klo 11:15 Wood in hospital buildings**

Lisa Fransson, Architect, White Arkitekter, Stockholm, Sweden



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**Klo 12:00 Lunch**

Self-paid. Bistro Neljä Kaesaa (buffet lunch 12,50 € & soup lunch 10,90 €)

**Klo 12:45****Part 1: Wood in Norwegian healthcare facilities - Opportunities and bottle necks****Part 2: The influence of wood and wood-based products on the indoor air conditions**

Dr. Ulrich Hundhausen, Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute of Wood Technology, Oslo, Norway

**Klo 13:30 Microbiomes in regional hospital of Kainuu – wood surfaces versus other surfaces**

Ilse Ekman, Project Researcher, University of Oulu, Unit of Measurement Technology, Kajaani, Finland

**Klo 14:00 Welfare Centre in Pudasjärvi – use of and experiences with wood**

Laura Sorri, Architect, Lukkaroinen Arkkitehdit Oy, Oulu, Finland

**Klo 14:30 Oy Crosslam Kuhmo ltd, Presentation of the company and CLT production**

Tomi Malin, Design manager, Oy Crosslam Kuhmo ltd, Kuhmo, Finland

**Klo 15:00–15:15 Discussion and closing remarks**

Seminar is organised by University of Oulu, Unit of Measurement Technology and Puusta puhtaasti project.

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