Collaboration makes the Nordics number 1

During the last decade, the number of tall wood buildings has been increasing worldwide. Driving the development has been the challenges of climate change and focus on sustainable buildings, where an increased use of wood potentially could have a positive impact on the challenges.

On a global scale, the Nordic countries have the potential to become leading world players when it comes to tall wood buildings. The Nordic countries have long standing traditions for forest and forest products research and for sustainable forest management practices. The Nordic forest and wood products industry is well established and the Nordic countries possess vast forest resources.

However, both in terms of technology development and production capacity, the Nordic countries lack behind the international pace-setters, notably central Europe and North America. Thus, there is a need for increased Nordic collaboration and focus on the specific Nordic challenges and benefits related to tall wood buildings.

Thus, the Nordic Network for Tall Wood Buildings gathers all good forces with a common interest in advancing tall wood buildings in the Nordic countries. The network comprises both researchers, manufacturers, construction clients, contractors, architects, trade organizations, NGO’s and policy makers.

The Nordic Network for Tall Wood Buildings works to promote the advancement of tall wood buildings in the Nordic countries. The goal of the network is to make wood a natural choice of material for the construction of tall buildings in the Nordic countries. The network is open to all interested parties who share a passion for tall wood buildings. The network facilitates knowledge exchange between its members across the Nordic countries through workshops, study trips, and other events.

The network foster synergies between the Nordic countries with aims to

- identify challenges and possibilities for tall wood buildings in the Nordic countries
- advance Nordic research and product development within sustainable wood based building concepts for tall wood buildings
- put the topic of tall wood buildings firmly on the political agenda
- communicate possibilities and benefits of tall wood buildings to stakeholders both within and outside the network
- enhance educational aspects of tall wood buildings, both within academic education and within education of the constructors and stakeholders

The Network has created a platform for stakeholders in the area of using wood in multi-storey buildings which is highly beneficial for all Nordic countries. We now have a strong community where we can share, interact, communicate and develop together within the field. The network also generated more projects between Nordic countries and European. It is clearly that the network had a crucial timing and the interest is still increasing with in the field of multi-storey wood buildings.