

Wood Camp Academy

2025 Edition

International Student
Workshop

With the
participation of



Supported
by



As a part
of



Dear Student,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the **International Student Workshop organized by the Wood Camp Academy**, which will take place at the **EcoCampus of the Fédération Compagnonnique Occitanie from August 17 to 27, 2025**. The theme for this year's workshop is:

**« Living with Major Risks:
Building Sustainable Emergency
Housing »**,

reflecting the pressing challenges of contemporary society, including climate, economic, and migration crises that concern us all.

The theme of major risks examines the concept of “sustainable emergency” beyond immediate humanitarian responses to disasters. Can emergency housing evolve into resilient housing that withstands future risks? How can existing structures be transformed to become resilient? Should risk-responsive housing rely on industrial solutions, or can it be built using vernacular expertise and self-construction? How do we address essential services needed for livability—water, energy, food, comfort, etc.?

What is Wood Camp Academy?

Wood Camp Academy is a network of partners* dedicated to **designing and organizing international workshops focused on timber construction and bio-based materials**.

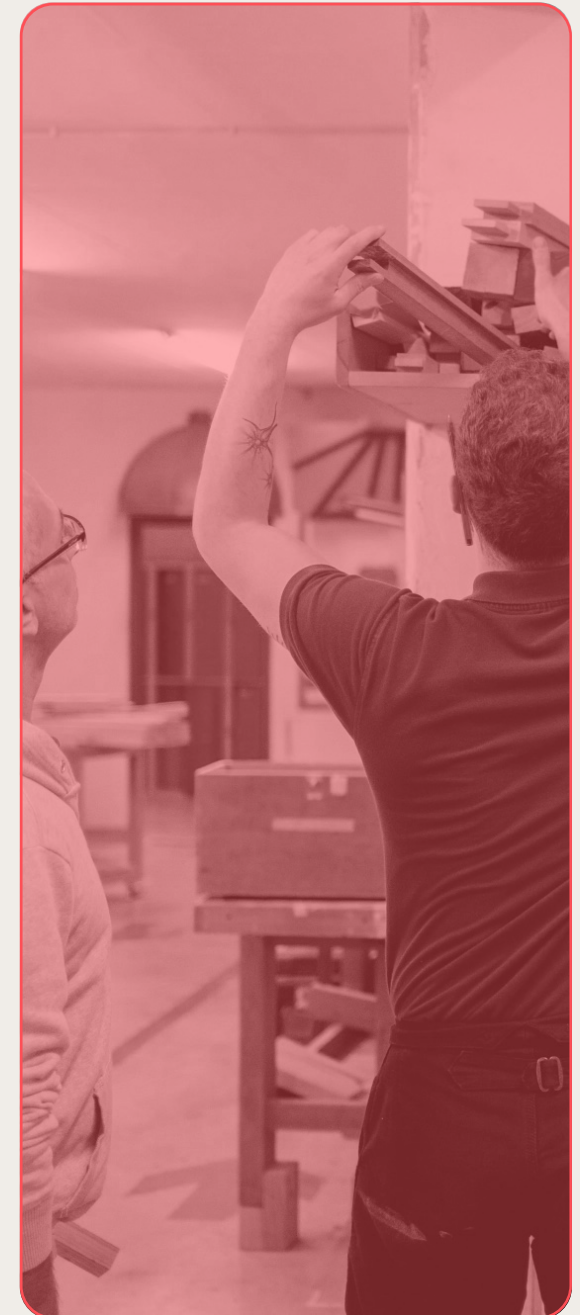
Its mission?

To promote **HANDS-ON LEARNING** through concrete, sustainable projects that cover all techniques related to timber construction.

En quoi consiste le Workshop ?

10 teams of 8 students, from **mixed fields** (engineering, architecture, journeymen carpenters and joiners) and **diverse countries**, will work collaboratively on a timber construction project—from conception to execution.

* MEMBERS : INSTITUT TECHNOLOGIQUE FCBA, CNDB, ENSAP BORDEAUX, ENSA TOULOUSE, BERNER FACHHOCHSCHULE, KOZ PLAY ARCHITECTURE, WOOD BEE, WOOD & CO, ARCHI DÉPÔT TOKYO, FÉDÉRATION DES COMPAGNONS DU TOUR DE FRANCE.



The Workshop in 3 Key Phases!

During the preparatory phase, teams will analyze and position their approach and prepare a short presentation.

At this stage, the aim is not a finalized project but rather a thorough understanding of identified risks and the context of a chosen location.

A preliminary online meeting with mentors will be held in early July for progress updates.

For teams wishing to explore existing construction solutions (e.g., post-and-beam systems, modular construction), industrial partners will provide technical support.

During the Workshop, each team will design a **housing module** suited to the chosen location, ranging from standalone individual units to small collective housing.

The deliverables will include a large-scale model showcasing construction solutions, potentially complemented by detailed or full-scale (1:1) samples, along with an exhibit-ready presentation panel.

Deliverables will be designed to facilitate transportation for exhibitions across France and Europe.

01

Phase 1: Preparatory Phase

Dates: **Thursday, April 3, and Friday, April 4, 2025**

Where: **ENSAP Bordeaux (in person or online)**

Meet your teammates and learn about the project.

02

Phase 2: Workshop Phase

Dates: **Sunday, August 17, to Wednesday, August 27, 2025**

Where: **EcoCampus of the Compagnons du Tour de France in Toulouse (Plaisance du Touch)**

Dive into the design, architecture, and model-making phases. The Workshop includes: **a design phase and a fabrication phase**, and **guidance by professionals and experts from engineering firms, training institutions, architects, and organizations from France and abroad.**

03

Phase 3: Final Presentation

As part of the ***«Builders of Tomorrow»** event held at the EcoCampus in Plaisance du Touch, **an international jury will select the winning model of 2025. The winning project will be constructed at full scale and transformed into a pavilion for the 2026 edition.** You will also have the opportunity to help build the full-scale version of the winning project from the previous year.

* THE EXACT DATES OF THIS THREE-DAY EVENT (THURSDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY) WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN MID-FEBRUARY.

Who Can Participate?

Are you a student in an **Engineering School** or an **Architecture School**? Are you an apprentice or journeyman with the **Compagnons du Tour de France**, skilled in woodworking and recognized for your expertise?

If so, this Workshop is for you!

Why Should You Participate?

This Workshop is a unique opportunity to: **enhance your technical skills**, **exchange ideas with peers from different countries and disciplines**, and **work alongside professionals on a high-impact, international project**.

We've got you covered!

Accommodation and meals are fully covered during the Workshop, from August 17 to 27.

Ready to Sign Up?

FORMULAIRE D'INSCRIPTION

Don't wait!

The deadline to apply is February 28, 2025.

Register now by clicking on this [application form](#)*. Selected students will receive confirmation via email starting March 3, 2025.

* NO REGISTRATION FEE IS REQUIRED.



Don't Miss This Enriching Experience!

Looking Back at the 2023 Workshop

August 27 to September 8,
Bordeaux

Under the presidency of renowned Japanese architect Shigeru Ban, the 2023 architecture workshop led by KOZ and Archi Depot Tokyo focused on designing and building models of lightweight, temporary wooden shelters adaptable to various needs: emergencies, seasonal housing, etc.

Thirty students from ENSAP Bordeaux, Ukraine, and Japan participated.

The winning model, «Bedroom», unveiled at the 2023 Woodrise Congress, is currently being built at full scale for display at the Festival des Cabanes in June 2025 at Pyla-sur-Mer.

Emma Penot, 28, Architect

“Participating in Woodrise 2023 in Bordeaux was the beginning of another journey—one as exhilarating as it was enriching. The theme of emergency housing inspired deep connections among participants, and we founded an association that is now evolving into an NGO working alongside the Foundation of Emergency Architects, with a branch in Kyiv, Ukraine. The Workshop provided tools, purpose, and direction for long-term, impactful projects. **It has been an incredible experience that demonstrates the essential role of our professions in today’s society.**”

Valentin Morillon, 23, Journeyman Carpenter

“This experience exceeded my expectations. First, the **human connections and cultural exchanges**—spending two weeks immersed with Japanese and Ukrainian participants—helped me **improve my English** and understand different ways of living. I realized that construction varies widely across regions, shaped by local needs and traditions. I was particularly inspired by Japanese architecture, which will influence my future designs. **This Workshop opened my eyes and sparked a desire to explore the world**—Japan, Québec, the U.S., and Peru. In short, it changed me!”