


## Circular Factory Tour: Professionals from Woodworking Visit Rier Holz with UNIBZ

In February 2026, a one-day training event on sustainability and circular economy in craft businesses – focused on the wood industry – was held, combining theoretical sessions in the morning with a factory tour at [Rier Holz](#) in the afternoon. A total of seven participants attended, including **five professionals from the wood sector and two representatives of the craftsmen's association LVH**, which co-organized the event.

The afternoon visit allowed participants to experience the practical application of the concepts introduced earlier in the day. It began with a general introduction to the company, covering its history, fields of activity, and key sustainability indicators. This was followed by a guided tour showcasing the entire wood processing value chain – from debarking raw logs and optimizing cutting processes to drying and producing the final products.

The company operates with a zero-waste approach: sawdust and wood chips are reused in its own biomass plant or supplied to a district heating facility and pellet producers. Bark is delivered to a nearby nursery for use as mulch, while lower-quality wood is processed in the company's pallet factory into crates and pallets for local businesses.

 The visit provided valuable insights into how circular economy principles can be implemented in practice and offered participants concrete ideas for improving resource efficiency and sustainability in their own operations.

 More information: <https://www.edu-circ.eu>

