

# BUILD UP SKILLS

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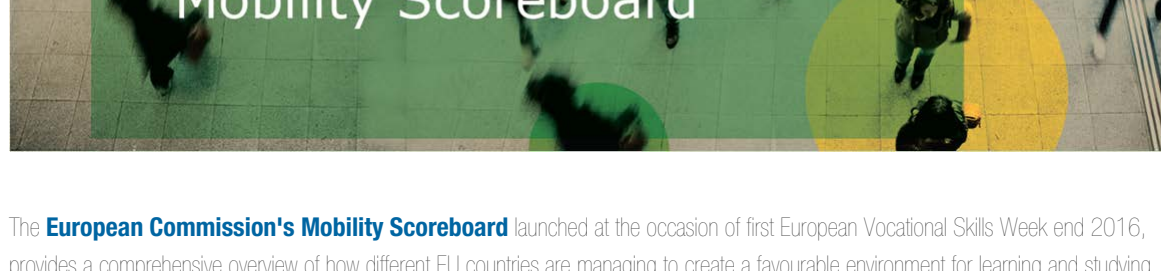
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### 1. BUILD UP Skills country updates and related news

#### The European Commission's Mobility Scoreboard



The **European Commission's Mobility Scoreboard** launched at the occasion of first European Vocational Skills Week end 2016, provides a comprehensive overview of how different EU countries are managing to create a favourable environment for learning and studying in another country.

Through analysing weaknesses and shortcomings, identifying good practices and suggesting reforms, this scoreboard can help spur improvement. It has been developed by Eurydice (Higher Education) and CEDEFOP (I-VET), following-up on the 2011 'Youth on the Move' Recommendation of the Council of the European Union. Indicators aim to help countries identify actions to remove obstacles to learner mobility. The scoreboard is a mechanism for assisting policy-making in international learning mobility. More detailed information and analysis on I-VET mobility can be accessed [here](#).

#### "Getting our homes future ready" seminar by the PROF/TRAC project



Housing Europe, as part of the PROF/TRAC project, led a high-level seminar in Brussels on March 8th: *"Getting our homes future ready. Essential skills and innovative solutions for a fair energy transition"*. The workshop addressed the following topics: Developing innovative business cases that work for home owners, tenants and landlords; Innovative procurement methods which reduce the risk by ensuring higher quality; Centralization of the citizens' perspective in planning of works; Paving the way for a real de-centralization of energy ownership and production. The story of the event and a few of the presentations can be found [here](#).

#### The way to nearly zero-energy buildings by the Train-to-NZEB project



On March 2nd the Train-to-NZEB project presented at *'The way to nearly zero energy buildings'*, the first dedicated NZEB-related conference in the Czech Republic, held to mark the occasion of opening the CZ Building Knowledge Hub. The conference was combined with an exhibition of efficient technical solutions and materials (awarded by quality mark Product - technology 2017). It was held at the premises of the Architecture and Building Foundation (ABF). The links to all presentations, the agenda and further information can be found at [Train-to-NZEB's website](#).

#### The BPIE new policy factsheet

The BPIE have published a [new policy factsheet](#) on the opportunities from the national building renovation strategies that each MS is required to produce as part of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive. The factsheet, titled *'Reducing Energy Poverty with National Renovation Strategies'* concludes that national programmes renovating low income and energy poor homes can be highly cost-effective considering the wider health, societal and economic benefits of renovation. Shifting public budgets from energy subsidies to the energy poor, to energy renovation programmes makes sense. Member States can use EU funds, such as Structural and Cohesion funds, as source of funding for programmes. Further, the factsheet includes best case policies from across the EU.



### 2. Site visit during the BUILD UP Skills 10th EU Exchange Meeting: ICDuBo sustainable building technologies exhibition centre



Photo: ICDuBo showroom

The Programme of the **10th EU Exchange Meeting** on Day 1 (May 30th) will close with a site visit to the ICDuBo sustainable building technologies exhibition centre ([www.icdubo.nl/](http://www.icdubo.nl/)).

The Innovation Centre for Sustainable Building (Innovatie Centrum Duurzaam Bouwen -ICDuBo in dutch) links government, education institutions and industry as well as offers an inspiring, central platform with a permanent, dynamic exhibition of all possible sustainable, innovative building products. Manufacturers are able to present their sustainable products and to conduct experiments in the ICDuBo. The ICDuBo is also the ideal location for all stakeholders in the field to inform themselves thoroughly about the most recent sustainable developments, and actively exchange knowledge and practical experiences.

The ICDuBo consists of a permanent dynamic, exhibition concerning sustainable building. Simultaneously the ICDuBo serves as an experimental space for innovations. 1:1 models of several building types are set up. These sections are completely built from sustainable products and concepts. In this way the technical aspects are made visible so that the visitor can absorb knowledge of sustainable materials and systems. Attention is also given to themes such as urban planning, cradle to cradle, the application of sustainable energy, improvement of indoor comfort and the optimisation of the lifetime of buildings. During the site visit with the BUILD UP Skills coordinators, a guided tour will be given (two groups in English and one in Dutch).

### 3. Upcoming events

#### The 3rd European Summit on Building Information Modeling (BIM), Barcelona (Spain), 25-26 May 2017

The European BIM Summit is set out to bring together participants from across Europe and from across sectors of the building cycle, including technicians and managers of public administrations, promoters, architects, engineers, consultants, material suppliers, manufacturers among others.

The Summit will consist of presentations and workshops where tools, services and products suitable for those working in the building sector will be analysed. The strategic institutions that contribute to the globalization of BIM (AEEBC, RICS, EFC ...) as well as the representatives of industry, BIM manufacturers of products and software will be present.

The full programme is available on the [European BIM summit website](#)

#### 10th BUILD UP Skills EU Exchange Meeting, Rotterdam (the Netherlands), 30-31 May 2017

The next (and last) BUILD UP Skills EU exchange meeting will take place on the 30th and 31st of May at the Bilderberg Hotel in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. This meeting is open for BUILD UP Skills project coordinators and partners involved in the BUILD UP Skills Pillar I, completed and ongoing BUILD UP Skills Pillar II, and ongoing Horizon 2020 Construction Skills UP projects. Similar to the past two EU Exchange Meetings, the two-day event will include a site visit to a state-of-the-art construction skills and energy efficiency centre / project (the ICDuBo – described above), followed by a dinner for everyone who wants to join. The full **agenda** is available on the BUILD UP Skills website. For it is the last meeting in this series, emphasis is placed on the four Technical Working Groups delivering tangible outputs.

If you missed the previous EU exchange meetings or would like a reminder of what was discussed there, please visit the 'Skills' page on the BUILD UP website dedicated to sharing their outputs - programme, list of participants, posters and all the presentations: [www.buildup.eu/en/skills/eu-exchange-meetings](http://www.buildup.eu/en/skills/eu-exchange-meetings).



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#### EU Green Week, Brussels (Belgium) and various other locations, 29 May - 2 June 2017

Under the theme of *'Green jobs for a greener future'*, the EU Green Week will focus on how EU environmental policies are creating green jobs and contributing to economic, sustainable and socially responsible growth in the EU. It will also highlight the demand for new types of green skills in many professional sectors, among which, the construction sector. While the high-level conference will take place in Brussels, the programme will also feature a series of side events across Europe. As well as being invited to take part in person, stakeholders and the general public are encouraged to become 'virtually' involved by participating in a wide range of on-line and social media activities. More information on the programme and side events is found on the [EU Green Week website](#). BUILD UP Skills Qualibuild coordinator Mark Keyes is one of the speakers at the 'Green jobs for the future' plenary session taking place on Wednesday, May 31, 14:30-15:30.

#### EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) 2017, Brussels (Belgium), 19-25 June 2017

The EUSEW concerns the most important European conference dedicated to sustainable energy issues. The programme includes sessions organised by the policy Commission, opportunities for energy stakeholders to debate new policy developments, best practices and sustainable energy ideas, and networking events for participants to forge alliances. The conference begins with an awards ceremony to prize outstanding projects. This year, 12 finalists across 4 categories are on the shortlist of the year's most successful projects for clean, secure and efficient energy. You can read about the finalists and secure your vote for your favourite by following [this link](#). On June 20th, H2020 Construction Skills project coordinator Dragomir Tzaney, will present **Train-to-NZEB** in a joint session with SEE Change Net. More information is available on: <http://eusew.eu/>

#### European Vocational Skills Week, Brussels (Belgium) and various other locations, 20-24 November 2017

Mid-March, Commissioner Marianne Thyssen has announced that there will be a Second European Vocational Skills Week taking place in 2017 (The first one took place in December 2016 and mobilised 1000 associated events and activities across Europe). The theme remains "Discover Your Talent" encouraging continuous training at all stages of their lives, with a strong focus on the importance of quality and excellence in VET. Mobility of VET learners (of all ages) and quality apprentices, partnerships between businesses and VET providers and sectoral approaches to address skills mismatches and respond to rapidly changing skill needs will also be addressed. One of the activities to showcase excellence in VET is the **#CedefopPhotoAward**. Run by the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop), learners are invited to participate in a photo story competition (see guidelines [here](#)) by producing a series of photographs which will showcase their collective experience in the world of VET.

#### New call for proposals for VET stakeholders

The European Commission has published a call for proposals aimed to help Member States prepare the implementation of the Recommendation **"Upskilling Pathways: new opportunities for adults"**. The Recommendation aims to support low skilled individuals to improve their literacy, numeracy or digital skills or progress towards higher qualifications relevant on the labour market by supporting access to upskilling pathways. Beneficiaries will receive funding for activities that prepare the ground for the implementation of "Upskilling Pathways" and to foster sustainable arrangements for its implementation. Applicants must be public entities in charge of national or regional policies and actions for upskilling adults; co-applicants can be public or private entities involved in the field.

The budget for the Call is € 1 000 000 (maximum co-financing rate: 80%). It is estimated that a max of 4 projects could be supported.

The deadline for submitting proposals is **30 June 2017**. Full information about the call (reference VP/2017/011) can be found [here](#).

**Save-the-date**  
20-24 November 2017

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