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1. BUILD UP Skills country updates and related news

The 10th BUILD UP Skills EU Exchange Meeting report and the four final reports of the Technical Working Groups are online!



The **final report** of the 10th and last BUILD UP Skills EU exchange meeting which took place on the 30th and 31st of May in Rotterdam (the Netherlands) is now available on the BUILD UP Skills website. The report includes summaries of all the plenary and parallel presentations as well as of the key aspects of the discussions and final outputs by the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) on finance, mutual recognition, innovative training methods and materials and market acceptance / marketing. The final deliverables of these TWGs - result of the work and discussion in the past two years- are also available now on [this page](#) of the BUILD UP Skills website.

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

EU to aim for 100% emission cuts in new 'mid-century roadmap'

The European Commission is preparing an update of its low-carbon economy roadmap for 2050, acknowledging that the current target of cutting greenhouse gas emissions at least 80% by mid-century are insufficient. Although whether carbon-neutrality (100% reduction) will be mentioned in a range of different scenarios or as the main reference objective is still unclear, it is becoming an EU goal for 2050. For the full news go [here](#).

Take a look at the European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships

The European Framework for Quality and Effective Apprenticeships has been released by the European Commission on 5th October 2017. The framework consists of seven (7) criteria on learning and working conditions other seven (7) criteria for framework conditions and aims to increase the employability and personal development of apprentices and to contribute to the development of a highly skilled and qualified workforce, responsive to labour market needs. The full news can be read [here](#).

Launch of the new interactive website for posted and migrant workers

A **new website** intends to provide concise information on wages, working conditions and rights to posted and migrant workers in the construction industry. The site covers all the European Countries and is available in all the European languages. Construction workers can find useful links and contacts of trade unions representatives ready to help and support them in case of need.

European Commission releases first EU-wide tool for sustainable building performance reporting

The European Commission has launched the pilot phase of 'Level(s)', a new EU reporting voluntary framework for sustainable buildings, which the Commission hopes will help transform the building sector. The tool is meant to be used for designing and constructing sustainable buildings and is therefore targeted at developers, white-collar workers and contractors. Further information, instructions and the toolkit can be found [here](#).

New BPIE report on financing energy efficient refurbishment of buildings



BPIE has published a new report on financing the future of buildings in Central, Eastern and South-East Europe. BPIE analysed both EU and non-EU funding streams available in the region that could be used to improve the energy efficiency of the building stock. The analysis found that both funding supply into the region and demand coming from the region should be stepped up.

BPIE proposes a host of specific solutions that can be taken both at the EU and country level to increase the impact and reach of available funding for building renovation. These are concrete steps aimed at increasing technical assistance,

improving governance and enhancing the implementation of cross-cutting measures. The full report can be found [here](#).

2. Upcoming events

Stakeholder Workshop Vocational Skills for energy efficient buildings, Bucharest (Romania), 24 October 2017

Back to back with the CA EPBD IV plenary meeting (25-26 October), a half-day stakeholder workshop on 'Stakeholder Workshop Vocational Skills for energy efficient buildings' is being organised on 24 October afternoon (14:00-18:00 EET) by the EASME and Trinomics (contractor supporting the Agency with the implementation and evaluation of the BUILD UP Skills initiative). Its focus will be the strategic and policy relevance of BUILD UP Skills for Member States / national administrations implementing the EPBD. Among others, questions like the following will be addressed:

- How can we increase the quality of construction for energy efficiency?
- How can we develop innovative training materials and methods to meet the need for energy efficiency skills in the buildings sector?
- How can we facilitate the mutual recognition of qualifications across Member States?

You can expect presentations on challenges and actions around energy efficiency skills on the European and national level, a panel discussion and interactive voting on issues in the matter. You can engage via Twitter (@EU_BUILDUP) through participating in the poll and / or sending your last-minute questions to the panel using the #askbuildupskills. The full [agenda](#) is available on the [event website](#).

Delivering the energy transition for jobs, growth, and investment, Brussels (Belgium), 7 November 2017

This concerns a high-level conference of the European Parliament and the European Commission jointly. The conference aims to bring policy makers, politicians, the investor community, energy market participants and other stakeholders together to review and debate the Clean Energy Package. The focus will be particularly on investment in the energy transition, more concretely:

- The current and future role of EU financial support for the energy transition
- Setting the scene: making the clean energy transition happen
- Supporting the shift towards clean and efficient energy at the local level
- Investing in energy projects – interconnectors
- Investing in renewables to connect Europe

The full programme and registration are available on [this website](#) of the Commission.

PROF/TRAC Train the Trainers course, online, 14 November 2017

One of the objectives of the PROF-TRAC project is to develop a Train-the-Trainers program for Central Europe. Its goal is the efficient use, adoption and implementation of existing training structures, training materials and accreditation schemes into national lifelong learning. The Train-the-Trainers program will create 'ambassadors' for the PROF-TRAC project, who can initiate and organise the national training programs and can train the trainers on national scale. On Tuesday, 14th November 2017 - 09:30h – 17:00 and online course will be delivered. Registration is open via [this page](#) of the PROF/TRAC website.

Bridging the gap for construction SMEs to join industry 4.0, Milan (Italy), 25 October 2017

Digitisation offers an unleashed potential for construction businesses of all sizes and maturity. The workshop will be an opportunity for SMEs and start-ups in the digital and construction sector to get first-hand information about the European strategy for the involvement of SMEs in the digitisation of the construction industry. At the same time, this session will offer the chance to SMEs to have a voice regarding this digital revolution. Registration and further information on the topic can be found on the [European Digital SME Alliance webpage](#).

EU Energy Day - Clean energy solutions for decarbonisation, economic growth and jobs, Bonn (Germany), 16 November 2017

The next EU Energy Day will take place as part of the **COP 23 UN Climate Change Conference**. The event will bring together energy policy-makers and industry representatives to discuss the economic aspects of the clean energy transition. Panel discussions will also focus on the new Clean Energy for EU Islands initiative and on ongoing collaboration between the EU and Africa in sustainable energy investment, and a Memorandum of Understanding between the EU Covenant of Mayors and the World Alliance for Efficient Solutions will be signed. For further information stay tuned to the [Event's Homepage](#).

Stakeholder Workshop 'The BUILD UP Skills initiative – taking stock and looking forward', Brussels (Belgium), 23 November 2017

Back to back with the European Vocational Skills Week (20-24 November 2017), a half-day stakeholder workshop "The BUILD UP Skills initiative – taking stock and looking forward" is being organised by the EASME and Trinomics (contractor supporting the Agency with the implementation and evaluation of the BUILD UP skills initiative). Note that the workshop was initially planned for 22 November but the new date is now 23 November! The Workshop will start with a panel discussion between policymakers (European Commission DGs), industry representatives and VET experts and will be followed up by inspiring presentations from project coordinators of energy efficiency skills projects. Overall, the following three questions will be guiding the Stakeholder Workshop:

- Why do we need more skilled building professionals to reach Europe's climate and energy targets?
- How is the BUILD UP Skills initiative contributing to filling the skills gap?
- What are the remaining challenges?

The full agenda is available [here](#). If you are interested in participating and wish to be kept in the loop, please express your interest by sending an email to Trinomics.

CITYinvest's final conference: The power of innovative financing - Renovating buildings for energy-efficient cities, Brussels (Belgium), 4-5 December 2017

Because there is no easy way for cities to access financing (including EU finance) for sustainable building renovation for public buildings, the EU CITYinvest project set out to support and replicate successful innovative financing models to tackle this problem. At CITYinvest's Final Conference they will share their knowledge of financing models based on Energy Performance Contracting, Third Party Financing, revolving funds and cooperatives as well as address the potential barriers and success factors, that can be encountered. The agenda will be soon made available on the [project's website](#).

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20-24 November 2017

