

BUILD UP SKILLS

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1. News

SAVE THE DATE: 8th BUILD UP Skills EU exchange meeting date & place is already known

The next BUILD UP Skills EU exchange meeting will take place on 2-3 June 2016 in Budapest, Hungary. 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 Horizon2020 EE4 construction skills projects.

If you missed the previous EU exchange meeting or would like a reminder of what was discussed there, please visit [this](#) page on the BUILD UP Skills website. There you will find the programme, list of participants, posters and all the presentations of the two-day event.



"When Europe is going toward nZEB, circular economy and so on, countries will have to integrate and change several things. There is therefore an incentive to go on that direction already." (Jan Cromwijk, BUS N@W, Netherlands)

HEADS UP! Upcoming H2020 call on construction skills

The Commission has announced a new H2020 call – EE14 – on construction skills for the programme year 2016-2017 as part of the programme Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy (Visit the Horizon 2020 Work Programme [here](#)). There are two submission deadlines: 15 Sept 2016 and 7 June 2017. The indicative budget per project is between 0.5 and 1 million euro. This call may be of particular interest for countries that are not part of Pillar II of BUILD UP Skills. It also provides the opportunity for professionals to apply as experts for the evaluation of proposals. Access the database of experts on the following link:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/experts/index.html>

The focus of proposals should be on upgrading or setting up large-scale qualification and training schemes. Running training actions will not be in the scope of the proposal.

The objective behind this call is to increase the number of skilled building professionals and/or blue collar workers across the building value chain. The call includes a specific focus on the engagement of SMEs. For more information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/topics/4092-ee-14-2016-2017.html>

Upcoming evaluation of the H2020, IEE II and FP7 projects by DG Energy, European Commission

The Directorate-General (DG) Energy of the European Commission is preparing an interim evaluation of Horizon 2020 projects on Energy efficiency and system Integration. For such purpose the rationale, achievements and implementation of EU funded projects under the Intelligent Energy Europe II, Framework Programme 7 and Horizon 2020 ongoing projects under the responsibility of DG Energy will be evaluated. This includes BUILD UP Skills projects. This evaluation is expected to start in March/ April this year and continue for seven months.

INTERREG – new programme offers possible opportunities related to Energy Efficiency

The winning (and non-approved) proposals of the call Interreg Europe launched in July 2015 will be published by the end February 2016. Anyone interested should keep an eye out for the next call, expected in the summer months of 2016. This call should offer opportunities for tenderers interested in projects in the realms of energy efficiency. Meanwhile, Interreg's policy learning platform provides some updates, news and upcoming events in the field of low-carbon economy. This platform is currently under development and will eventually show what past projects did – including projects on energy efficiency in buildings.

More information: <http://www.interregeurope.eu/projects/apply-for-funding/>
<http://www.interregeurope.eu/policy-learning-platform/low-carbon-economy/>

2. Visiting two demonstration projects in Szentendre with BUILD UP SKILLS project coordinator Karoly Matolcsy



Károly Matolcsy, BUILD UP Skills project coordinator in Hungary (BUS TRAINBUD) and chair of the Technical Working Group in finance, will offer a site visit for the participants of the upcoming 8th BUILD UP Skills EU Exchange Meeting in Budapest as a side activity to the event. Mr. Matolcsy is an architect, with experience working in SMEs and is currently the owner of the ÉMI Non-profit Limited Liability Company for Quality Control and Innovation in Building.

The site visit will consist of a tour around two highly innovative demonstration projects in the city of Szentendre (20 km from Budapest), including the ÉMI Knowledge Centre (a new office building) and a residential building refurbishment (renovation of an apartment building). Iconic to Szentendre, these two buildings are examples of good design for energy efficiency and implementation. Participants can expect to learn about the characteristics of these buildings, the building / renovation process, the financial means and the stakeholder engagement that made it possible, among other aspects.

3. Upcoming events

8th BUILD UP Skills EU exchange meeting

The next BUILD UP Skills EU exchange meeting will take place on 2-3 June 2016 in Budapest, Hungary. The event will consist of plenary and break-out sessions, networking opportunities and a side visit guided by Hungarian coordinator Károly Matolcsy. Stay tuned for details on the registration and agenda for the day through the [BUILD UP Skills website](#).

12th REHVA World Congress CLIMA 2016, Aalborg (Denmark), 22-25 May 2016

The 12th REHVA World Congress CLIMA 2016 will focus on building and Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) system performance in practice in relation to fulfillment of the intended design, ability to fulfil the needs of the occupants, interaction with the users in daily practice and role in the smart energy system. The congress will consist of a mixture of keynote, scientific and technical sessions as well as workshops, industry forums, student activities, technical tours and training courses. Read more on <http://www.clima2016.org/about.aspx>

Central Europe Towards Sustainable Building 2016 Innovations For Sustainable Future, 22–24 June 2016

Central Europe towards Sustainable Building Prague 2016 (CESB16) is part of the 2016 International Sustainable Built Environment conference series convened under auspices of the international organisations International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment (iSBE), the International Council for Buildings (ICB), the United Nations Environmental Programme's Sustainable Buildings and climate Initiative (UNEP-SBCI) and the International Infrastructure Conference (IFIC).

CESB16 will be the fourth conference in a row held in Prague on the actual topic of sustainable building. For the concrete topics that will be touched upon, the programme and further information visit: <http://cesb.cz/>

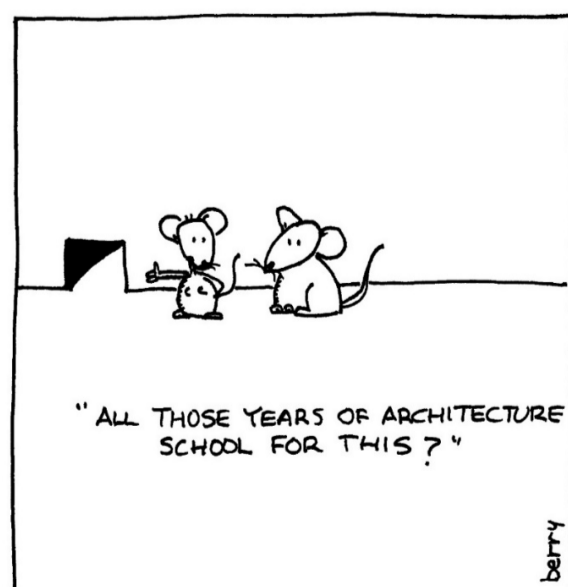
European Sustainable Energy Week 2016 – EUSEW 2016

EUSEW 2016 will take place from 14 to 16 June 2016 in Brussels.

This conference is considered by policy authorities as "the most important European conference dedicated to sustainable energy policy issues". It includes an awards ceremony and sessions organised by the European Commission to encourage energy stakeholders to forge alliances as well as to debate new policy developments, best practices and sustainable energy ideas.

The conference is open to anyone working on clean, secure and efficient energy from public authorities, to energy agencies, to industry associations, to businesses, to civil society organisations and media.

Conference website: <http://www.eusew.eu/>



"Those who initiate change will have a better opportunity to manage the change that is inevitable" – William Pollard