

## **Build Up program will help educate builders**

In the Czech Republic begins a project to provide education for craftsmen working on energy efficient buildings

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Preparing workers for construction work on the building according to the EPBD 2 discusses the newly launched project The BUILD UP Skills Initiative Czech Republic. The project will establish a system of training workers such that the works carried out according to standard EPBD 2 meets the requirements of not only calculations but also in reality.

The target groups of the project will be construction management, site managers, foremen, workers on construction sites and educational institutions. Project Build-Up is engaged in a broad platform of organizations. Besides the company SEVEN, other companies are involved - ENVIROS, Passive House Centre, ABF Foundation, EkoWATT, CzGBC, Association of Building Entrepreneurs, ČKAIT and Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic.

According to the experts, there are substantial reserves on today's energy-saving buildings in the quality of design, and thus resulting in energy performance of the building. Individual professions are not properly coordinated, and many employees do not realize the impact of their activities on the final energy demand of the building. Such are the conclusions of the initial workshop aimed at professionals interested in educating workers on construction sites towards buildings with almost zero energy demands. Professional public had the opportunity to express themselves within the introductory workshop on the current status of implementation of energy-saving buildings, the quality of work performed and the education system.

The project aims to create and implement the National Plan of education in the construction into existing education system which will increase skills of workers in the construction and therefore the quality of the resulting structures. At the same time, the project focused on creating a qualification platform that will ensure a balanced education system with regard to the implementation of the EPBD II. Other workshops will take place regularly between 2012 and 2013.

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