

Innovation and recognition for new adult skills: pan-European lessons from the Build Up Skills initiative

Build Up Skills Stakeholder Workshop

8th December 2016, 14:00-17:30

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1 Aims and benefits

Using the experiences of the construction sector in the EU-funded Build Up Skills initiative, this seminar will discuss: how to innovate in training to meet new skills demands; and how to ensure the training is 'fit for purpose' in Europe through mutual recognition. There will be presentations on the state of play at European level, as well as the achievements and lessons from Build Up Skills, which is concerned with developing training and skills related to new energy efficiency techniques in the building sector. Workshops form a key part of the seminar: participants can work together to identify practical solutions to the types of innovation required and the barriers to mutual recognition and how can they be addressed.

Aims of the workshop:

Using the experiences of the construction sector in the Build Up Skills initiative, this event offers the opportunity to discuss:

- how to innovate in training to meet new skills demands
- how to ensure the training is 'fit for purpose' in the European single market through mutual recognition.

Target audience:

- Policymakers, practitioners, social partners, other employer organisations, and Erasmus plus projects.

Benefits for participants:

- For external stakeholders - to learn from the experiences of BUS members.
- For BUS participants - to have the opportunity for external stakeholders to help them tackle remaining issues.

2 Programme

14:00 – 15:15 Opening Plenary Session (75 minutes)

Introductory presentations on BUS and current thinking from Commission/Cedefop staff and researchers

- How to innovate in training to meet new market demands and the state of play in mutual recognition
- Achievements and lessons from BUS to date
- Q and A

15:15 – 17:00 Interactive sessions on innovative training and mutual recognition

The purpose of these workshops is to invite external stakeholders to share their experiences and to help tackle obstacles.

Interactive Session 1 - Innovative Training

Facilitator: Simonas Gausas

Questions to be addressed:

- What types of innovation are required in infrastructure, materials and methods?
- What obstacles inhibit these innovations?
- How should they be tackled and by whom?

Interactive Session 2 - Mutual Recognition of New Skills

Facilitator: Andrew McCoshan

Questions to be addressed:

- What are the barriers to mutual recognition of new skills? Participants prioritise barriers (e.g. voting process)
- Participants brainstorm on the following questions:
 - How can these barriers be addressed at a sectoral level?
 - How do we reconcile differences between countries in terms of skills needs and how skills are expressed and structured?
 - What role, if any, can be played by qualifications and learning outcomes at this stage?

17:00 – 17:30 Final Plenary (30 minutes)

- Final plenary session to feed back from the workshops and draw conclusions.
- Closing remarks