

Project: Belonging to the <u>Erasmus+ Programme</u> of the European Union, call 2018, of the Key Action 2 of the Sector Skills Alliances. Lot 3: Sector Skills Alliance for implementing a new strategic approach (Blueprint) to sectorial cooperation on skills.

Identification of the project: 600885-EPP-1-2018-1-ES-EPPKA2-SSA-B.

Duration: 4 years, since January 2019 until December 2022.

Coordinator of the project: Fundación Laboral de la Construcción (Spain).

Partners: Confederación Nacional de la Construcción -CNC- (Spain); Centre IFAPME LHW y Confédération Construction (Belgium); European Construction Industry Federation -FIEC-, European Federation of Building and Woodworkers -EFBWW- y European Builders Confederation -EBC- (Europe); Satakunnan Koulutuskuntayhtymä -Sataedu-(Finland); Comité de Concertation et de Coordination de l'Apprentissage du Bâtiment et des Travaux Publics -CCCA-BTP- and Fédération Française du Bâtiment -FFB-(France); Panhellenic Association of Engineers Contractors of Public Works -Pedmedeand Institute of Vocational Training -Akmi- (Greece); Bildungszentren des Baugewerbes e.V. -BZB-, Zentralverband des Deutschen Baugewerbes -ZDB- v Berufsförderungswerk der Bauindustrie NRW gGmbH -BFW-NRW- (Germany); Ente per la Formazione e l'addestramento professionale nell'edilizia -Formedil- y Associazione Nazionale Costruttori Edili -Ance- (Italy); Viesoji istaiga Vilniaus statybininku rengimo centras -VSRCand Lithuanian Builders Association -LSA- (Lithuania); Centro de Formação Profissional da Indústria da Construção Civil e Obras Públicas do Sul -Cenfic- (Portugal); Budowlani (Poland); Šolski center Kranj -SCKR-, and Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia -CCIS- (Slovenia); and Limerick Institute of Technology -LIT- (Ireland).

Blueprint for the Construction Industry gathers three European Union (EU) umbrella sectorial organizations, along with nine national sectorial representatives and twelve Vocational and Education Training providers (24 partners) from twelve EU countries to work together for developing a new sectorial strategic approach to cooperate on skills in the construction industry. Moreover, Blueprint aims to support a better matching between skill needs of companies and skills provided by training centers.

Sectoral Skills Strategy

This Blueprint will be arranged through a Sectoral Skills Strategy. The Strategy will bring together lessons learned from other initiatives (i.e. Build Up Skills) and will be outlined from a holistic approach, identifying political, economical, social, technological, legal and environmental factors which may be affecting sector skills and training offer. Encompassed with activities, milestones, outcomes and outputs, the following activities will be developed during the course of the project:

- To collect good practices at national and regional level to illustrate and promote other initiatives addressing skill gaps.
- To design and deliver a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) to raise awareness among construction workers about new skills drivers: digitalization, energy efficiency and circular economy.
- To create the tool WatchTower to provide valuable information about particular skill needs at least at regional/national level.
- To build upon a revision methodology of construction professional profiles and qualifications.
- To carry out an outreach campaign for the Construction industry to promote its attractiveness among youngsters and women, identifying and promoting solutions to facilitate mobility of construction workers in Europe.
- To create a new virtual tool (SSA Portal) where all project outputs will be available for stakeholders, as well as a Sector Skills Alliance platform for collaborative work.

Outcomes

The Blueprint project brings main market players together (education, businesses, government, cultural and civil society), tapping into and harness the expertise of these actors. They will form the Sector Skills Alliance, a necessary driver to push a sustainable sectorial strategy and facilitate the implementation of Blueprint.