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BUSUnited Community for upskilling professionals in the design and construction industry — Project launch



The BUILD UP Skills United (BUSUnited) project has officially launched. It is implemented as part of the **LIFE programme**, running from **September 2025 to September 2028** with a total budget of **€2 million**. BUSUnited is a collaborative initiative designed to foster a **pan-European community of practitioners**, aiming to develop **sustainable energy skills** among design and construction professionals.



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BUSUnited seeks to address the pressing need for **upskilling and reskilling** within the **design and building sector** to meet the EU's climate and energy targets, including the **European Green Deal** and the 2050 carbon neutrality objective. Building on the **BUILD UP Skills initiative**, which has funded over 90 projects in 32 countries since 2011, BUSUnited aims to strengthen the capacities of national and EU-level stakeholders **through knowledge sharing, cross-sector collaboration, and targeted capacity-building activities**.

The project will establish **seven Communities of Practice (CoPs)** covering critical areas such as **sectoral skills needs, demand-side mechanisms, innovative training methods, skills recognition, national skills roll-out, funding sources, and European synergies**. These CoPs will provide structured collaboration for stakeholders, promoting the development of practical solutions and the sharing of expertise across the design and construction sector.

BUSUnited aims to engage a **broad range of stakeholders**, including over 400 participants **from public authorities, training providers, industry representatives, and NGOs**. The project will produce multiple outputs, including **guidelines, training tools, policy briefs, funding recommendations, and digital platforms to disseminate best practices**. These outputs are designed to support the large-scale adoption of sustainable energy skills across Europe.

Seamus Hoyne of TUS welcomed the BUSUnited partners to Brussels for the in-person kick-off meeting and official project launch. He highlighted the urgent need to upskill and reskill Europe's construction workforce—particularly in green and digital competencies—to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving built-environment sector. Mr Hoyne encouraged all stakeholders to actively participate in the project's Communities of Practice, ensuring that their expertise contributes directly to advancing skills development across the industry.

Echoing this call to collaboration, Beatriz Oliete, from FLC and coordinator of the Construction Blueprint project, considers it essential to be part of the BUSUnited consortium. Taking part in BUSUnited aligns perfectly with the goals of Construction Blueprint, as both aim to strengthen skills for a greener and more modern construction sector. BUSUnited offers a practical space to share knowledge, and she encourages all stakeholders to make the most of the Communities of Practice to learn from one another.

Stakeholders and experts are invited to join one of the Communities of Practice and contribute to shaping the future of sustainable energy skills in the design and construction sector.



Applications can be submitted via this [form](#).

About BUSUnited

The BUILD UP Skills United (BUSUnited) project is a collaborative initiative under the LIFE Clean Energy Transition (CET) sub-programme aimed at fostering a thriving EU-wide community of practitioners to promote and develop sustainable energy skills among construction professionals.

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