

INTELLIGENT ENERGY EUROPE BUILD UP Skills – Qualification and training schemes (Pillar II)

Introduction

The objective of the Intelligent Energy - Europe II Programme (“IEE II”) is to contribute to secure, sustainable and competitively priced energy for Europe, by providing for action:

- To foster energy efficiency and the rational use of energy resources;
- To promote new and renewable energy sources and to support energy diversification;
- To promote energy efficiency and the use of new and renewable energy sources in transport.

The Programme in particular contributes to the EU Energy 2020 Strategy and facilitates the implementation of the Directive on energy efficiency and of the Directive on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources.

The Programme is managed by the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation under powers delegated by the European Commission.

BUILD UP Skills Initiative

BUILD UP Skills is a strategic initiative under the Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) programme to boost continuing or further education and training of **craftsmen and other on-site construction workers and systems installers in the building sector**. The final aim is to increase the number of qualified workers across Europe to deliver renovations offering a high energy performance as well as new, nearly zero-energy buildings. The initiative addresses skills in relation to energy efficiency and renewables in all types of buildings.

BUILD UP Skills initiative has two pillars:

I. *National qualification platforms and roadmaps to 2020: The first pillar* — ‘National qualification platforms and roadmaps to 2020’ — aims to trigger processes to gather all relevant stakeholders in a country with an aim to result in a strategy and roadmap, e.g. on quantified needs, measures, priorities, accreditation, etc. There is no open call for proposals under this pillar.

II. *Qualification and training schemes: The second pillar* — ‘Qualification schemes’ — invites proposals for introducing new or upgrading existing qualification schemes. These should be based on an established roadmap to 2020. The 2013 call supports activities to newly establish or upgrade large-scale qualification and training schemes based on the roadmap recommendations (of Pillar I or equivalent). Actions could include development of materials, training of the trainers, coordination activities for the set-up/upgrading

and operation of large-scale training schemes (including establishing voluntary agreements, accreditation and certification mechanisms, financing arrangements using ESF funding) as well as promotional/ communication activities.

Participation Rules and Funding

All applicants must be legal entities, whether public or private, established in the territory of the 28 EU Member States, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, or the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The consortium should include organisations with leading expertise on life-long learning, as well as technical expertise on building and on energy efficiency and renewable energies in buildings and communication skills. Crucial are the organisations that implement the qualification and training schemes. The number of partner organisations in the consortium should be kept small to minimize the project administration. Consequently certain tasks might be performed by subcontractors.

The proposed EU funding can be up to 75% of the total eligible costs.

Deadline for the submission of proposals

The deadline for the submission of proposals is the **28th of November 2013**.