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Build Up Skills Ireland: Creating a National Roadmap for Energy Training in Construction

Workshop Invitation

In 2009 in Ireland, the Residential and Commercial/Public Sector accounted for approximately 43% of energy consumption. Hence, improving energy efficiency and renewable energy uptake in buildings are important elements of meeting sustainable energy targets. It is recognised that to achieve these targets those working in or entering the construction sector will require new energy skills and competences.

To address this need, Intelligent Energy Europe is funding an EU wide initiative *Build Up Skills: Energy Training for Builders*, which focuses on the continuing education and training of **craftsmen and other on-site construction workers and system installers** in buildings in relation to energy. The aim of the *Build Up Skills Ireland* (BUSI) project is to develop a national qualification roadmap for Ireland, which will set upskilling, education and training targets for construction workers to ensure that their qualifications, skills and competences are in line with those needed to meet 2020 sustainable energy targets.

As a part of this project, the BUSI partners will be holding a half-a-day participatory workshop on Tuesday, **16th October 2012**, from 9.30am till 2pm, in the Hamilton Suite A, Crowne Plaza Hotel in **Dundalk** (<http://www.crowneplaza.com/hotels/gb/en/dundalk/dbladd/hoteldetail/directions>). The aim of the event is to give the participants an opportunity to actively contribute to the development of the national qualifications roadmap, by gathering their views and inputs on an overall draft strategy for fulfilling the training needs, discussing more specific qualifications and training schemes and issues surrounding the implementation of the roadmap.

We hope to have approximately 40-50 participants in attendance from a variety of backgrounds related to energy issues in construction in Ireland, including construction workers, trainers, representatives of construction companies, unions, trade bodies and others interested parties. We hope that you will be able to join us for this session. More information about this event and other regional workshops can be found @ <http://ireland.buildupskills.eu/national-project-calendar>.

We should appreciate if you could contact us (by email elzbieta.krawczyk@dit.ie or by phone 01-402 3749) at your earliest possible convenience to book a place at the workshop. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or extend this invitation to someone who may be interested in it.

Yours sincerely,

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