



Build Up Skills Ireland

BUSI Web Platform and Future Platform

Deliverable D6.2 and 6.3

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1 Introduction

This report combines two deliverables as it was felt that this was more effective.

1.1 BUSI Platform and Web Engagement

The BUSI partnership established its Platform at the start of the project and integrated the activities related to the platform with that of the Project Steering committee. The platform under BUSI consisted of

- Project partners
- Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
- Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
- National Education and Training Agency (FAS)
- Higher Education and Training Awards Council (HETAC)
- Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland
- Irish Green Building Council

In addition, via the WP3 consultation activities a detailed database of key actors was developed totalling over 50 strategic stakeholders actors in the sector. This expanded consultation group have all be sent the final version of the BUSI Roadmap. In addition, a list of over 1,800 businesses registered as being active in the sustainable energy sector (from SEAI Websites) has been collated. At all stages of the BUSI Project the BUSI Platform was engaged in the review of outputs, addressing issues and recommending solutions and options to pursue.

It was envisaged during the project start up that an electronic platform would be established on the EU BUILD UP portal which would link directly with the BUSI Website. The BUILD UP Portal was established but the significant delays and issues with the BUSI Website as outlined in the project report restricted the level of engagement in the e-platform. This e-platform was aimed to support the long term sustainability of the platform. This is perhaps the most significant failure of the BUSI project and one which is frustrating for all involved.

1.2 Future Platform

The BUSI Platform have engaged with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) with a view to the potential for the organisation of a conference/event focused specifically on the issue of Construction Workers Skills/Knowledge for Low Energy Buildings. The Chairperson of the Board of SEAI specifically noted that such an event was needed and that SEAI would work with the BUSI partnership and platform to pursue the issue.

It is hoped that through the proposed conference (above) and the submission to the IEE Build Up Pillar 2 programme that the platform will be continued and expanded. If the funding submission is not successful it is planned to integrate the topic of the construction training and skills onto the Agenda of the Construction Liaison Group. This

Group is convened by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government on a regular basis (6 monthly) to review specific topics and issues.

Following the notification of results from the IEE Proposal the BUSI Coordinator will arrange a meeting with the Department of Environment and Irish Green Building Council to ensure that the BUSI Roadmap is integrated into the Agenda of the Construction Liaison Group.