

SUBJECT: BUILD UPON Workshop 4

The fourth BUILD UPON workshop „Skills and capacity building“, organized by the Croatia Green Building Council, took place on October 25th 2016 in the Esplanade hotel in Zagreb. It involved 42 stakeholders divided into 6 groups and addressed the barriers in the area of educating professional workers involved in EE building renovation projects.

Presentations included speakers from the University of Civil Engineering, Zagreb, Polytechnic of Međimurje, Čakovec, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy, Split and the University of Architecture, Zagreb. The groups were coordinated by members of the National Core Group and they analyzed the barriers in various areas of education: vocational education, higher education and continuous professional development.

The workshop was concluded with the following recommendations: Motivate students for vocational occupations; Enable learning through practice (in companies); Acknowledge informally acquired skills and learnings; Encourage employment of well-educated personnel; Adjust pre-graduate studies to market needs; Raise level of graduate studies to inter-disciplinary studies; Upgrade quality of main designs (technically); Improve quality of expert supervision over projects; Educate public sector on green public procurement and financing; Increase quality control of energy audits and reports (with sanctions); Allow public access to all data bases (using IT); Address water saving issues in energy efficient renovation.

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