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About BUSUnited

A pan-European network of Communities of Practice working collaboratively to boost sustainable energy skills to accelerate the energy transition across the built environment

The BUILD UP Skills United (BUSUnited) project represents a collaborative initiative under the LIFE Clean Energy Transition (CET) sub-programme, fostering a thriving EU-wide community of practitioners dedicated to promoting sustainable energy skills amongst all professionals involved in sustaining the built environment.

Building upon more than a decade of experience from the **BUILD UP Skills initiative**, BUSUnited connects projects, organisations and experts to strengthen capacities, promote innovation and support the large-scale deployment of skills essential for achieving Europe's ambitious climate goals.

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What are BUSUnited CoPs?

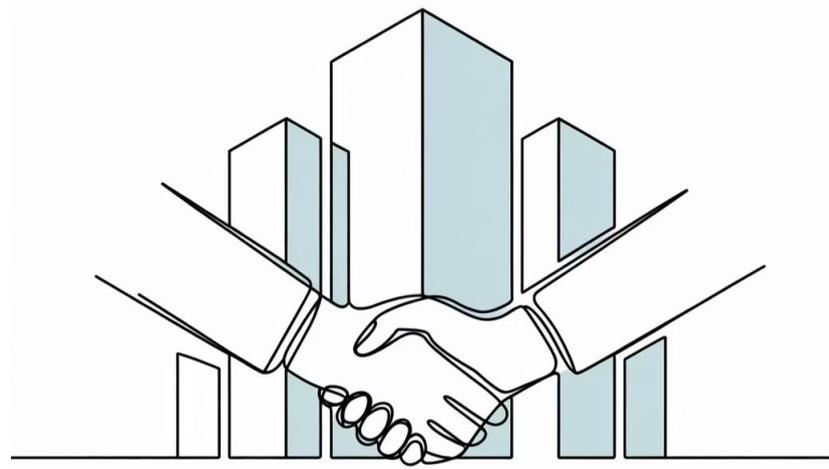
BUSUnited CoPs are dynamic and open collaboration spaces designed for practitioners to share experiences, address common challenges and co-create solutions in the most strategic areas of skills development for sustainable design, construction, renovation, and maintenance. They follow a challenge-based approach, bringing together diverse actors to jointly tackle real-world challenges identified by the community itself, whilst building on proven practices and lessons learnt across Europe.

BUSUnited launches with seven Communities of Practice, building on already existing and active thematic communities within the BUILD UP Skills ecosystem. As the community grows and new needs emerge, additional CoPs will be progressively launched, reflecting members' suggestions and evolving thematic priorities.



 **LEARN MORE:** Dive deeper into each of the BUSUnited Communities of Practice! Discover their specific objectives, expected outcomes, key challenges, current registered members, and how to join them.

Join a CoP



Why Join?

Joining a BUSUnited Community of Practice means becoming part of a pan-European network of practitioners committed to strengthening sustainable energy skills in construction. Connect with sector leaders, collaborate with peers and help shape the future of Europe's built environment.



Learn from Sector Leaders

Access insights, proven tools and real case studies from across Europe



Collaborate with Peers

Face similar challenges and contribute to jointly developed solutions



Expand Your Impact

Shape recommendations, guidelines and best practices with EU-level relevance and implement lessons learned in national ecosystems



Grow Your Network

Join a vibrant and trusted community of construction practitioners

Who Do We Invite?

BUSUnited CoPs are open to all those involved in skilling and upskilling to support a sustainable built environment. High participation is expected from the BUILD UP Skills Community, including teams from past and ongoing projects, who bring valuable experience to reinforce upskilling and scale collective impact across Europe.

Whether you have been involved in previous BUS projects or are joining for the first time, your knowledge and perspective are essential to move forward together.

What Can You Expect?



Regular Meetings

Online thematic sessions and at least one annual face-to-face meeting



Interactive Workshops

Peer exchanges, expert discussions and challenge-based sessions



Knowledge Hub

Access to newsletters, case studies, outputs, roadmaps and tools



Co-creation Opportunities

Influence priorities, validate outputs and shape future activities



Peer Learning

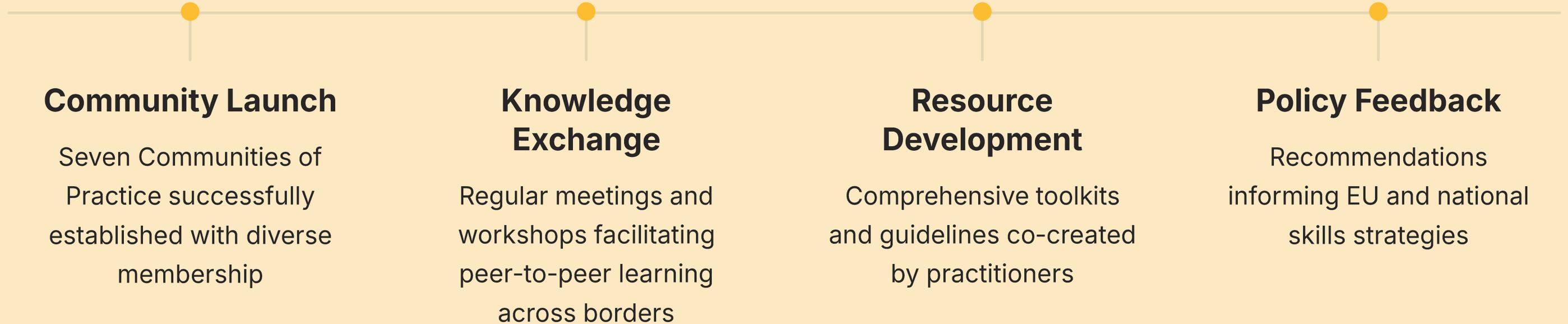
Twinning, mentoring and cross-country exchanges connecting challenges



Visibility & Recognition

Showcase expertise and connect with strategic European stakeholders

Key Achievements



Community Launch

Seven Communities of Practice successfully established with diverse membership

Knowledge Exchange

Regular meetings and workshops facilitating peer-to-peer learning across borders

Resource Development

Comprehensive toolkits and guidelines co-created by practitioners

Policy Feedback

Recommendations informing EU and national skills strategies

Tangible Outcomes

- Enhanced coordination amongst BUILD UP Skills projects
- Harmonised approaches to skills recognition
- Innovative training methods widely adopted
- Increased funding mobilised for upskilling initiatives
- Stronger links with EU platforms and partnerships

Looking Forward

BUSUnited continues to expand its reach and impact, with new Communities of Practice planned to address emerging priorities. The collective expertise and commitment of our members drive continuous improvement in training quality, skills recognition and market transformation.

CoPs and their Challenges



CoP1 Sectoral skills needs

- Challenge 1: Create Transition Outlook
- Challenge 2: Determine Skill gap
- Challenge 3: Exploitation of methods



CoP2 Demand side mechanisms

- Challenge 1: Integration of skills requirements in GPP policies
- Challenge 2 Collaboration with One-Stop-Shops (OSS)
- Challenge 3: Unlock the benefits of Building Information Modelling (BIM)
- Challenge 4: Promote digital construction tackling the demand
- Challenge 5: Leverage the power of the building end users to increase demand



CoP3 Innovative teaching methods

- Challenge 1: Development of a handbook (toolbox) on innovative training
- Challenge 2: Increasing innovative teaching capacity [TtT – Train the Trainers]
- Challenge 3: Increasing the capacity of the construction workforce through innovative approaches
- Challenge 4: Validation and evaluation



CoP4 Skills recognition

- Challenge 1: Overview of existing frameworks for skills recognition
- Challenge 2: Setting quality mechanisms for the skills recognition framework
- Challenge 3: Tools for skills recognition



CoP5 National skills roll-out

- Challenge 1: Create a common landscape of the developed national roadmaps
- Challenge 2: Mobilising the key actors for implementation of the roadmaps
- Challenge 3: Extrapolation methods for projecting national roadmaps



CoP6 Funding sources

- Challenge 1: Mapping and analysis of national training funding landscapes
- Challenge 2: One-Stop Shop (OSS) for funding of upskilling
- Challenge 3: Funding opportunities for upskilling through Interreg programmes



CoP7 EU synergies

- Challenge 1: Growing the EU-network of key players
- Challenge 2: Fostering pan-European collaboration and dialogue
- Challenge 3: Taking up the strategic role in developing national and European strategies

Join Us and Upskill those Building our Future

Together

Transitions don't happen on their own

We build them together, one skill, one project, one community at a time.

Join the Movement

Become part of a collective effort mobilising more than 400 organisations towards a climate-neutral built environment across Europe.

Register today for the BUSUnited Communities of Practice and start connecting with practitioners who share your commitment to sustainable construction.

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Stay informed

400+

Organisations

Mobilised across Europe

7

Communities

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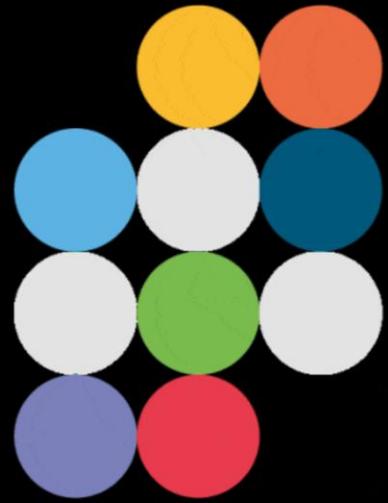
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Years Experience

BUILD UP Skills initiative

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