

Topic: Blueprint project

Brief description and main aims:

In 2018 a project entitled “Skills Blueprint for the Construction Industry” was officially launched. It gathers a consortium of 24 partners, including FIEC, from 12 different countries and is coordinated by the “Fundación Laboral de la Construcción” from Spain.

The project is co-financed by the Erasmus+ programme and its main aim is to develop a long term alliance between the concerned stakeholders (employers, workers, training centres, public authorities) for a better anticipation of the skills needed in the construction industry and to ensure a corresponding adaptation of the training schemes.

It focuses on 3 key areas: digitalisation, energy efficiency and circular economy.

Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

In most of the Member States construction companies are facing difficulties in finding the right workers with the right skills.

This can be explained by the rapid technological changes, including the digitalisation of construction processes through BIM (Building Information Modelling) and other digital tools or methods (automation, drones, Internet of Things, etc.), by policy choices, such as “greener” economies and initiatives on energy efficiency in buildings, as well as by demographic changes, notably the ageing of the workforce.

The aim of this initiative is to develop and implement a new strategic and coordinated approach (“Blueprint”) to sectoral cooperation on skills by enhancing the responsiveness of vocational education and training (VET) systems, at all levels, to the construction labour market needs. In other words, it aims at identifying existing and emerging skills needed in order to translate them into vocational curricula responding to those needs.

For further information: www.constructionblueprint.eu

Actions and key dates:

31/1/2019 – Kick-off meeting, Madrid

24-25/10/2019 – 2nd meeting, Roma

13/03/2020 – 3rd (virtual) meeting

05-06/10/2020 – 4th (virtual) meeting

12-13/04/2021 – 5th (virtual) meeting

13-14/10/2021 – 6th (hybrid) meeting, Berlin

December 2022 – End of project

