

VET teachers as energy saving advisers ... and what our project can do about this.



Better Building

Certifying VET teachers
as energy saving advisers.

A transfer system into
three different European
societies

The global situation in relation to energy seems to be changing dramatically, in a very negative way. As over billions of people still do not have direct access to electric current, the increasing demand for fossil fuels and the dependency on oil can be seen as the cause of more and more greenhouse gas, which is slowly destroying our environment.

In order to increase the awareness of people in the field of energy saving, the transfer of the innovation project **Better Building - Certifying VET teachers as energy saving advisers** was initiated in November 2007. It is an EU project which is co-financed through the Leonardo da Vinci program and aims at **Italy, Slovenia and Turkey**, because the ecological balance in this countries is still at a lower level than in other parts of Europe.

Through "Better Building" those countries will be given the chance to improve the handling with building materials, energy, combustibles and limited resources, which indicates a reduction of energy consumption and helps saving money.

The **main target groups** to be sensitized are:

- VET teachers and trainers for building and construction who will acquire additional skills and competences to become capable offering general advice
- People who will work as "European energy saving and building material adviser" and who will be sensitized to the relevant subject purpose and receive specialized training
- Training providers who can immediately improve the quality of their VET measures and/or offer new training courses which are based on the project results
- Employers in the building industries who will benefit from a higher number of better qualified people.

Starting from an existing project named ECOES-A European Community Oriented Energy Saving Advisor the 7 project partners (from 6 countries) will use the obtained results and products and will adapt all existing knowledge to the needs of the target groups in Italy, Slovenia and Turkey.





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Achievements so far

Better Building started in November 2007 and runs for 24 months. So far the partnership has organised several meetings among partners as well as national strategic advisors to gather the views of stakeholders and experts.



Partnership meetings in Vienna and Bologna



Desk and field research activities were the basic steps to determine the national situation regarding energy consumption and supply on one side and the educational measures in place in the partner countries on the other. The partners found out that the situation differs from partner country to country. The need for efficient use and consumption of energy was ascertained in all partner countries.

After the analysis of the original products, the project partners will engage in adaptations and customisation measures for the production of the **Better Building curriculum and learning materials** which will be available at the project website free of charge for non-commercial use by the end of the project, in November 2009.





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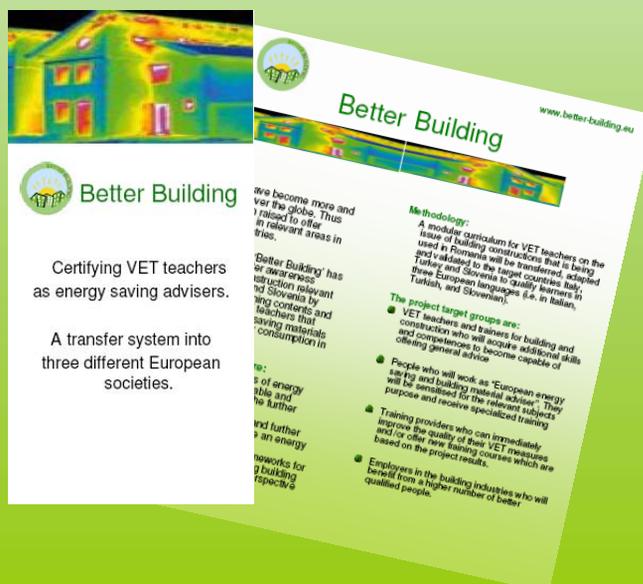
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Website

The project partners have opened their own project website to show the basic project information and news in English, German, Italian, Norwegian, Romanian, Slovenian and Turkish. The coordinator runs this website at www.better-building.eu and will offer access to it far beyond the lifetime of the project to allow particularly the target groups to download the project results at any time.

Flyers

Better Building flyers are available in seven languages for free download at the project website www.better-building.eu.





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Partnership:

The project partnership consists of 7 organisations from 6 countries.

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