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FGS Familia would like to send you news regarding the implementation in partnership of the Building Matters ERASMUS+ Grant agreement: 2022-1-RO01-KA220-VET-000087398, with the title Mitigating the risks of the construction sector related to the transition to climate change by strengthening capacities in the field of building materials sustainable constructions. The partnership leader is the General Federation of Trade Unions FAMILIA (FGS Familia).

The partnership leader is the General Federation of Trade Unions FAMILIA – Romania, and the partners are PEDMEDE SOMATEIO – Greece, Gospodarska Zbornica Slovenije (GZS ZGIGM – CCIS) – Slovenia, Knowledge and Skills Management Centre – Republic of North Macedonia, Bildungszentren des Baugewerbes e.V. (BZB) – Germany, Istituto per L'istruzione Professionale dei Lavoratori Edili della Provincia di Bologna (IIPLE) – Italy și PEDMEDE ECO – Greece.

The aim of the project is to raise the awareness of key actors interested in developing sustainable ways to mitigate the risks of transition to climate change in the construction sector. The overall objective is to develop green sectoral skills and competences in the field of sustainable building materials. The projected impact of the project aims to strengthen the link between VET technical vocational training, the continuing education sector, academia and industry, to identify the maximum potential of sustainable building materials.

The first package of activities was completed in September and had as its main results the elaboration of a Transnational Report with key findings regarding the degree of knowledge and use of sustainable construction materials and a Transnational Toolkit for a training package dedicated to the VET sector in the construction sector and not only.

Your involvement and contribution in the research we carried out, for which we thank you in this way, was extremely important, because we managed to achieve valuable and quality results.

As we want to keep you informed about the progress we are making and give you access to our results, we invite you to read some additional details in the first Newsletter of the project and visit the project website <https://buildingmatters.gzs.si/vsebina/EN>.

You can also find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Building.Matters.ERASMUS> and on LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/building-matters-erasmus/>.

We will soon complete another package of activities, which will have as main results a manual and an e-learning platform, which will be mainly intended for the VET sector in the field of construction. The aim is to increase the quality of technical education regarding sustainable construction materials and create training opportunities for all interested parties in the field of construction.

As new results are obtained, we will send you updated information and we will be happy if during the implementation we will receive feedback and even recommendations from you.

We thank again all the participants in the Round Table on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, because they provided us with important support in order to identify the main barriers, needs, opportunities and challenges (technical, legal, financial and institutional) that they have to face currently the construction sector, in terms of sustainable materials, and they helped us also to formulate some recommendations for the development of ecological sectoral skills and competences in the field of sustainable construction materials.

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