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Our common mission is to raise awareness of the need for green skills related to the use of building materials.

We are pleased to share the latest updates on the **Building Matters** Erasmus+ project at its end. This 24-month project falls under the Erasmus+ program and was coordinated by General Federation of Trade Unions FAMILIA – Romania.

The Building Matters consortium comprised six organizations:

- Panhellenic Association of Engineers Contractors of Public Works (PEDMEDE) – Greece
- PEDMEDE Eco – 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

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Main Objectives

The aim of the project was 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 was to develop green sectoral skills and competences in the field of sustainable building materials.

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Added value

The added value of the **Building Matter** project:

- Holistic approach that introduces innovative features and components in all its implementation phases.
- Regional, local, national and transnational sustainable building materials' alliances through facilitating knowledge transfer, stronger cooperation and joint actions between all key stakeholders.
- Sustainable solutions in building materials as a response to the emerging material and prices crises faced within the sector.
- New generation of key stakeholders who positively contribute to the energy and climate change targets.

Achieved Results

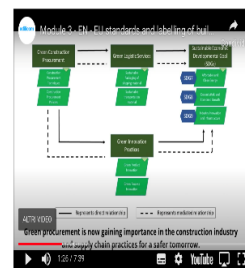
The main achieved results from the project were:

- i. Transnational Report with recommendations for the inventory of sustainable building materials and their potential**
- ii. Transnational Toolkit for the Sustainable Building Materials Awareness and Competence training package**
- iii. Development of the Sustainable Building Materials Curricula**

The training curricula are structured into 4 training sessions/modules:

- **Module 1: Environmental aspects of building materials**
- **Module 2: Life cycle assessment of building materials**
- **Module 3: EU standards and labelling of building materials**
- **Module 4: Awareness of new sustainable building materials**

EU standards and labelling of building materials



Module 3 "EU standards and labelling of building materials" consists of the following topics:

- **Topic 1** - The role of green building materials in green procurement processes;
- **Topic 2** - ECO Labelling concept and types of ecolabels;
- **Topic 3** - EU standards for ECO Labelling and legal framework and EU Ecolabel;

Find out more about:

<https://www.buildingmatterslearning.org/>

Project Handbook

SELF-ASSESSMENT FORM

- iv. Transnational Handbook related to Curricula**
- v. Sustainable Building Materials Demonstration sessions/ Webinars**
- vi. Public awareness campaign**

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Multiplier Events

Building Matters national awareness-raising events will be conducted into September in Greece, Romania, North Macedonia and Italy. In Slovenia and Germany, these events had already been realized with great success.

The Multiplier Event provided an invaluable opportunity to exchange knowledge, best practices, and innovative solutions in sustainable construction. With the presence of international guests, the dialogue was enriched, highlighting the importance of global cooperation in tackling climate change. The **Building Matters** consortium remains committed to driving sustainable construction forward. Events like this play a crucial role in fostering change and innovation in the sector. As construction evolves, ongoing collaboration and knowledge sharing will be essential in achieving a more sustainable future for Slovenia and beyond.

Updates from Slovenian Event

On September 11, 2024, Ljubljana hosted the Multiplier Event & Final Conference of the project organized by the Building Matters consortium (host was Slovenian partner CCIS CCBMIS), drawing about 70 participants, including three international attendees.



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The event tackled the urgent challenges of climate change and sustainability within the construction sector, presenting forward-thinking solutions while promoting collaboration among industry stakeholders and innovations needed in development new more sustainable construction products and material.

The event began with an inspiring opening speech by Mr. Gregor Ficko from GZS ZGIGM, who underscored the urgency of implementing sustainable practices in construction.

He highlighted the critical role that the sector plays in mitigating climate change and promoting environmental stewardship. Following his introduction, Ms. Valentina Kuzma, along with Ms. Daniela Zirra presented the key results of the project, marking the conclusion of the consortium's work and emphasizing the importance of reflecting on potential upgrades to the project through new proposals.

Ms. Kuzma emphasized that the event served not only to showcase the results but also as a platform for stakeholders, VET schools, center and academies, to discuss the potential for future improvements and upgrades to the project through new proposals.

The dialogue fostered collaboration among participants, paving the way for future partnerships aimed at enhancing sustainability in the construction industry.





Key indicators

During the implementation of the **Building Matters** project, the consortium achieved valuable results, worth to be mentioned here:

- National and international interaction roundtables on the inventory of sustainable building materials and their potential and sustainable building materials VET curricula



- 84 VET and construction international stakeholders involved in research activities
- Development of transnational toolkit for training in **Building Matters** topics
- VET curricula design and development with modular approach
- Tailored made course for VET learners
- E-learning platform development
- Focus groups to assess the results obtained during activities in the project
- Demonstration sessions, followed by roundtables to discuss the opportunities and challenges of this program
- More than 120.000 stakeholders reached transnationally by project communication and dissemination activities
- Newsletters and multiplier events
- Dedicated website



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Keep informed about the project:

Information on the results of the Building Matters project can be found on our [Website](#) and on social media [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!

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