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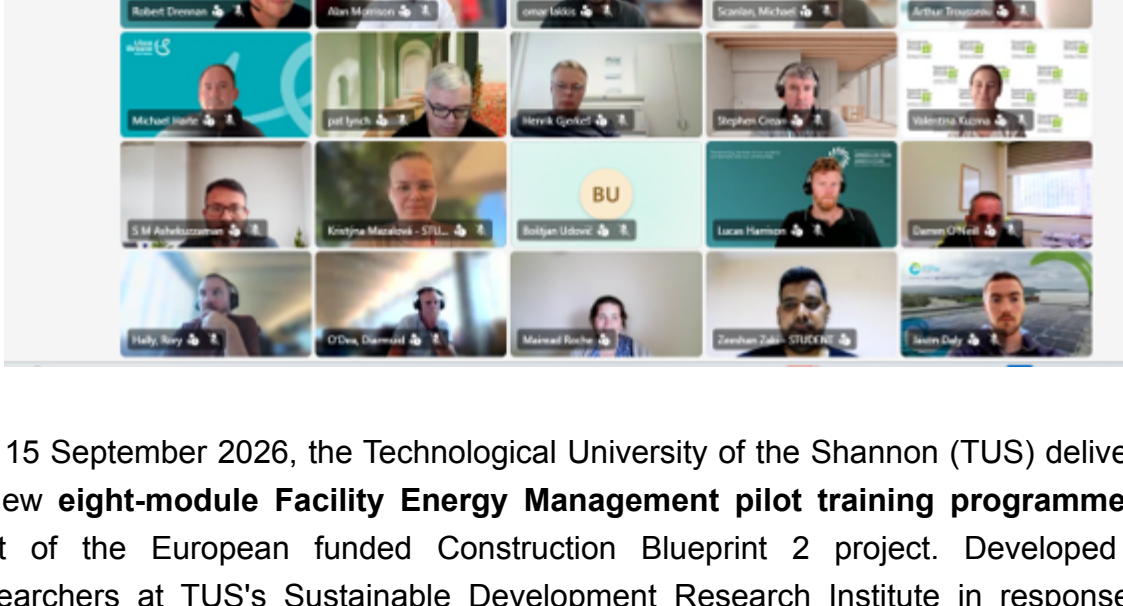


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From new initiatives to ongoing projects and emerging opportunities, discover how the Pact for Skills in Construction signatories are shaping the future of our sector.

SAVE THE DATE: the next meeting of Pact for Skills in Construction signatories will take place online on 18 November 2026. More details to come.

Construction Blueprint 2: launch of Facility Management pilot training programme



On 15 September 2026, the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) delivered a new **eight-module Facility Energy Management pilot training programme** as part of the European funded Construction Blueprint 2 project. Developed by researchers at TUS's Sustainable Development Research Institute in response to **skills needs identified** through the Construction Blueprint 2 research, the live online course covered **energy auditing, heating and ventilation systems, smart building technologies, water and waste, BIM, monitoring** as well as **reporting**, giving participants practical knowledge to cut energy use and carbon emissions.

The pilot drew a diverse cohort from **municipalities, Education and Training Boards, energy agencies, multinational companies and newly qualified graduates**. Team-based activities delivered through the **Learning Activity Management System** allowed participants to share perspectives and apply course concepts to real-world facilities management challenges.

Slovenian partner Gospodarska zbornica Slovenije (GZS) observed the pilot and plans to roll out the programme in **Ljubljana later in September**, showing how Construction Blueprint 2 training can be **transferred across Europe**. Participants were also encouraged to continue the conversation through BUSUnited's Community of Practice 2 (CoP2).

[Learn more about the project](#)

EU advances Skills Portability with new Fair Labour Mobility Package

On 15 September, the European Commission adopted the **Fair Labour Mobility package**, a set of measures designed to make it easier for **workers to move, work and have their skills recognised across the EU**. The package includes legislative proposals covering **social security, professional qualifications and labour enforcement**.

Among its core components is the **Skills Portability Act**, which is set to make it easier to recognise qualifications not only across EU countries but also from outside the EU. Today, workers must navigate 27 different national recognition systems, and only two Member States offer fully digital recognition, while **74% of SMEs report facing skills gaps**. A new Regulation will introduce an **EU digital standard for qualifications**, stored in the **EU Digital Identity Wallet** and verifiable at source, alongside a Europass comparison tool. A revision of the Directive 2005/36/EC as regards the digitalisation of procedures and recognition of professional qualifications issued outside the Union will **digitalise and speed up recognition for regulated professions, cutting general recognition from 4 months to 11 weeks and automatic recognition, extended to more professions**. A further Directive will, for the first time, **set common rules for recognising qualifications held by non-EU nationals**.

Changes will be phased in gradually: within 2 years of adoption, recognition of non-EU qualifications will be simplified, while within 3 years, digital qualifications will become available in the EU Digital Identity Wallet and recognition for regulated professions will be easier and faster. **For the construction sector**, where skills gaps and slow, fragmented qualification recognition remain persistent challenges, the **Skills Portability Initiative** speaks directly to Construction Blueprint 2's objective: **anticipating emerging skills needs, updating training curricula and better connecting** education, from VET to Higher Education, reflecting the needs of construction businesses across Europe.

[View the Fair Labour Mobility Package](#)

Drone4Build: Strengthening drone skills for the future of construction sector



The Drone4Build project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme, is advancing its work to strengthen **drone-related skills among construction professionals**. During the partners' meeting held in Madrid on 17–18 September, hosted by the Fundación Laboral de la Construcción (FLC), the consortium reviewed the latest project results and discussed the next steps. The **Strategic Technology Roadmap on drone skills** has been validated, while work is progressing on a **blended training programme** covering **drone operations, data processing, safety and regulatory compliance**.

By developing practical training opportunities around the use of drones in construction, Drone4Build contributes to the Pact for Skills in Construction by **supporting the upskilling and reskilling of the workforce and helping address emerging skills needs** linked to the **sector's digital transformation**. The project also promotes **cooperation** between construction stakeholders and training providers, fostering a stronger connection between evolving **industry needs and training opportunities**.

[Learn more about the project](#)

BuildSkills Academy Workshop in Brussels: Pact Coordinators present the Pact for Skills in Construction



The **BuildSkills Academy** Centre of Vocational Excellence held its first Masterclass on 18-19 June 2026 in Brussels, hosted by the European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC) during **EU Green Week**. Titled "**The Pact for Skills and what new skills will drive the twin transition ?**", the two-day event drew more than 100 participants, onsite and online, including experts, policymakers, training providers, industry representatives and social partners, to discuss the **skills needed for the green and digital transition of Europe's construction sector**.

Participants **exchanged experience** on **certification, apprenticeships, lifelong learning and large-scale upskilling**, focusing on how the **Pact for Skills in Construction** mobilises industry, education and public authorities key stakeholders to **support upskilling and reskilling**. The event also highlighted the alignment between **BuildSkills Academy**, which is developing a **European framework for certifying green and digital skills**, and **Construction Blueprint 2** project, which is developing **curricula and training solutions** under the Pact for Skills in Construction. The Brussels event is the first in a planned series of BuildSkills Academy Masterclasses.

[Read the article](#)

SUM4Re webinars series: Digital Building Data & Material Passports for Circular Construction

EBC is pleased to invite you to the first webinar of the **SUM4Re** webinar series, "**Digital Building Data & Material Passports for Circular Construction**", taking place online on **8 October 2026, from 09:30 to 10:30 CET**.

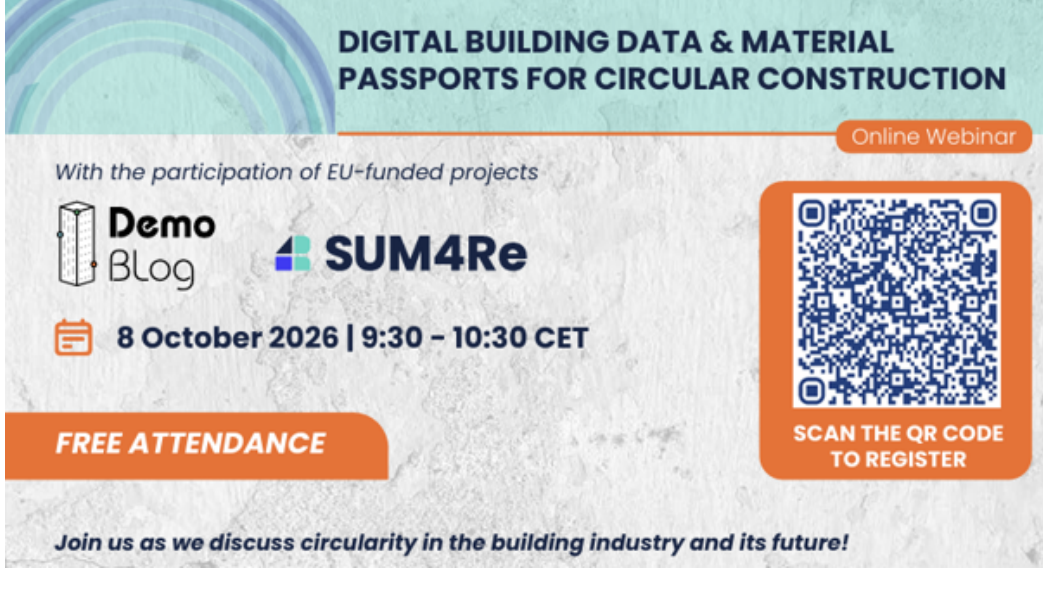
SUM4Re is an EU-funded project that aims to **accelerate the transition** towards a more **circular construction sector** by improving the **collection, management, and exchange of building and material data**.

This **first webinar** is organised with the support of the **DemoBLog** project, another Horizon Europe initiative focused on **enabling data-driven** innovation through **Digital Building Logbooks**. By improving access to reliable building information, DemoBLog helps building owners, professionals, and public authorities make more **informed renovation decisions** that contribute to **energy efficiency and circularity**. Together, the two projects will showcase how **digital building data and material passports can support circular construction in practice**.

The programme includes introductions to both projects, followed by 2 implementation-focused presentations:

- **DemoBLog in practice:** *From Building Data to Circular Renovation Decisions*
- **SUM4Re in practice:** *Leveraging Material Data for Circular Value Creation*

The webinar will conclude with an interactive Q&A session, offering participants the opportunity to engage directly with the speakers and discuss current challenges and opportunities in digitalisation for circular construction.



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BuildSkills Academy Masterclass

Building upon the excellent results from the **first BuildSkills Academy masterclass "The Pact for Skills and What New Skills Will Drive the Twin Transition?"**, held in Brussels on 18–19 June 2026, the exchange continued on 17–18 September in Berlin with the **second BuildSkills Academy Masterclass, "Building Change: Transformation Drivers for Construction and Training"**. It brought together European experts to examine how climate change, circular economy and sustainable building policies are reshaping construction, and how it reflects the skills needs among professionals to be able respond to those challenges. The interactive sessions covered the translation of emerging industry practices into future-oriented vocational education.

The Academy moves forward to **Bologna on 8–9 October** for its **third Masterclass to be organised during the SAIE Fair**. Under the topic of **"Building the Future: Attracting and Retaining Young Talent in Europe's Construction Sector"**, the event will explore how technology, sustainability, diversity, modern training pathways and new professional profiles can make construction more attractive to the next generation.



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TRAIECT Just Transition Project: Reskilling Workers to Tackle Labour Shortages in Galați, Romania

In January 2027 the **TRAIECT** project will kick-off. This 24-months initiative is a new project aimed at supporting the **Galați Region** move towards more **eco-technological industries**, in which the **FPSC will be partner**. Short for "**Transition, Reskilling and Adaptation towards Eco-Technological Industries in the Galați Region**," the initiative is funded under the **Sustainable Development and Just Transition Programme 2021-2027**.

At its core, TRAIECT aims to support a **greener, more diverse local economy** by creating **secure, sustainable jobs**. To achieve this, the project will focus on developing **professional skills**, including **green and digital skills**, to support more people find work.

Guided by a needs analysis, TRAIECT will target occupations that are currently struggling with **labour shortages**. These include **construction electricians, earthmoving machinery operators, photovoltaic system installers and electromechanics**.

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