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Project SolTec has started....

SolTec (Towards a European qualification for service and maintenance in the solar-energy-sector) is a two-year-project under the European Lifelong Learning Programme Leonardo Da Vinci (Development of Innovation), which started in November 2009 on the initiative of the German and Spanish project partners.

Background of the project is the fact that the skills development of the solar workers lacks behind the fast growing developments of the European solar market. This poses barriers to achieve the European Union's target to raise the share of renewable energies to 20 % by 2020. Common VET-qualifications, e.g. for electricians and the few additionally developed offers on a local or national level are not sufficient in order to meet the needs for a systematic approach in VET for the growing solar sector.

Main activities of the project are

- to set-up an industry-based skills-network with solar-companies in order to promote the further need-oriented skills-development in the solar-sector ("Skills-Network Solar-energy")
- to develop a competence profile for the service and maintenance competences on the basis of research and interviews undertaken with solar-energy-providers and basing on this
- to develop and pilot a European Curriculum by using the common European tools (learning outcomes, EQF, etc.)
- to build the basis for the transparency and recognition of the competences, for the mobility of the solar workers and the future networking on the skills development.

Until July 2010 the partners will develop a common version of the competence profile for service and maintenance competences of the solar workers. The results and products will be available soon on the common webpage: www.soltec-project.eu.

The project partners are:

- Asociación Clúster de la Energía de Extremadura (Cluster), Spain
<http://www.clusterenergex.org>
- Asociación Extremeña de Cooperación Este-Oeste (AECEO), Spain
<http://ingles.aeceo.org>
- Berufsbildungswerk Gemeinnützige Bildungseinrichtung des DGB GmbH, Germany
<http://www.bfw.de>
- CGIL-Bildungswerk e.V., Germany
<http://www.cgil-bildungswerk.de>
- Federación de Industrias Afines de la Unión General de Trabajo (FIA-UGT), Spain
<http://fia.ugt.org>
- Federazione Italiana per l'uso Razionale dell'Energia (FIRE), Italy
<http://www.fire-italia.it>
- Instituto de Soldadura e Qualidade (ISQ), Portugal
<http://www.isq.pt>
- Sindicato Nacional da Indústria e da Energia (Sindel), Portugal
<http://www.sindel.pt>
- Societatea Română pentru Educație Permanentă (SREP), Romania
<http://www.srep.ro>
- Zarząd Regionu Małopolska NSZZ "Solidarność", Poland
<http://www.solidarnosc.gov.pl>

IRES, the fourth international EUROSOLAR-technology conference, took place in Berlin in November 2009

Nearly 400 experts from 22 countries discussed about the technological options of storing energy from the renewable source at the Berlin Representation of the Federal State of North Rhine-Westphalia on 24th and 25th November 2009. Further information:

http://www.wcre.de/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=124&Itemid=17

The Fifth Conference 2010 will be held from 22.-24.11.2010 in Berlin; further information and inscription under: http://www.wcre.de/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=24&Itemid=85



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