

Newsletter n°4

The QualiCert Project and its Consortium

By December 2011, QualiCert intends to facilitate a **concerted action among different Member States** towards the implementation of certification or equivalent qualification of installers of small-scale RES (renewable energy sources) that can be **mutually recognisable**. This will help Member States to be in line with article 14 of the European RES Directive (28/2009/EC), obliging them to develop such schemes by 31st December 2012.



Source: First Solar



Source: EGEc



Source: Dimplex



Source: AEBIOM



Source: Phoenix Solar

To contribute to these goals, QualiCert has collected information on the different schemes existing in Europe, first. This has allowed the identification of a **European set of common “key success criteria”** that should be taken into account while setting-up and running such schemes. These success criteria are outlined in a manual giving recommendations to Member States on how to follow a common European approach, thus ensuring the schemes’ mutual recognition, as stated by the RES Directive.

A first set of 5 countries are tackled which are **Austria, France, Greece, Italy and Poland**, the QualiCert dissemination activities having the objective of replicating this consultation process to the other **EU countries** as well.

This work is supported by a large consortium of 13 partners who are cooperating in the project since July 2009. The partners represent some of the main stakeholders in this process such as national energy agencies, training and certification bodies, European RES Industry and Heat Pumps associations and European associations of installers and construction crafts and SMEs.

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What's new

The QualiCert Manual has been published!



Click [here](#) to download the Manual

The “QualiCert Manual - A common approach for certification or equivalent qualification of installers of small-scale renewable energy systems in buildings” aims at supporting EU Member States in their process of drafting national certification or equivalent qualification schemes for installers of small-scale renewable energy systems¹ by 31st December 2012, as required by art. 14 of the *RES Directive* (2009/28/CE).

On its pages you will be guided through the state of the art of such schemes at European as well as at national levels. This is followed by the analysis of a number of identified "key success criteria" surrounding the general framework, the acquisition and renewal of certification or equivalent qualification, training and audits. At the same time, sectoral specificities and some best practice examples are described.

Finally, the Manual draws conclusions on how it would be possible to define a common approach for certification (or equivalent qualification) systems, thus ensuring their mutual recognition amongst EU Member States.

The Manual will be also available in French, German, Italian, Spanish and Polish.

Check our website...some of these versions are already available!



European QualiCert Seminar during EU Sustainable Energy Week 2011, by EBC

“Improving energy performance of building Qualifying installers of small-scale RES systems”

The European Seminar, organised by the European Builders Confederation (EBC) on the **12th April 2011** in **Brussels (Belgium)**, presented relevant European and national policy-makers and actors the Manual of key success criteria edited by the QualiCert consortium.

The seminar took place in the frame of the EU Sustainable Energy Week.

More information on the event [here](#)

¹ “biomass boilers and stoves, solar photovoltaic and solar thermal systems, shallow geothermal systems and heat pumps»

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What's next

National Roundtables in five EU core countries

In order to have a formal recognition to the **common approach** of certification (or equivalent qualification) schemes as proposed in the QualiCert project, the consortium is organising a series of **National Roundtables** in the five core countries represented in the project (i.e. Austria, France, Greece, Italy and Poland).

The events will represent a **forum of discussion** with national public and private relevant actors involved in the set up and management of such schemes on the **recommendations** drafted by the project and gathered in the QualiCert Manual.

The National Roundtables are held with the following time schedule:

- Italy: 31st March 2011 in Rome (organized by ENEA)
- Poland: 28th April 2011 in Warsaw (Organized by KAPE)
- Greece: 4th May 2011 in Athens (organized by CRES)
- Austria: 5th May – *t.b.c.*- in Vienna (organized by AIT)
- France: 12th May in Paris (organized by ADEME)

Participation in these events is upon invitation only!



QualiCert at “Güssing- a city which builds on sustainable energy” - 5th May 2011, Güssing (Austria), by CEETB

The event, organised by the European Technical Contractors Committee for the Construction Industry (CEETB) on the **5th May 2011** in **Güssing (Austria)**, will gather the main stakeholders amongst Austrian installers and builders. The aim is to present them the common approach proposed by the QualiCert project and the prospects its implementation offers at a national level.

The agenda and more information [here](#)

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comments...**

...do not hesitate to [contact us!](#)

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More on our High Level Steering Group

A High Level Steering Group of external experts has been created within the QualiCert project in order to ensure a constant exchange of viewpoints with key European stakeholders with insight knowledge of certification/equivalent qualification schemes at the EU level.

Let's keep knowing more about them!



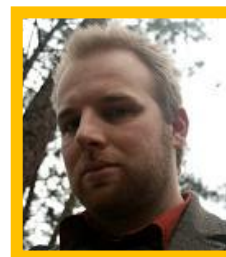
Marco Buoni



Vice-President of the Air conditioning and Refrigeration European Association (AREA) and Director of the Italian Institute Centro Studi Galileo, Mr. Buoni is highly active in the organization of trainings on RES technologies and Energy Efficiency in Buildings around Italy.



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Freelance in the field of sustainable process management, Mr De Grote is also a Policy officer at the Flemish Energy Agency



Margarita Ortega Izquierdo



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Justyna Przybysz



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Qualinews from the EU

Vocational Training corner on the Managenergy website



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The IEE initiative ManagEnergy is currently developing a Vocational Training Corner pilot website, which was launched at EUSEW on 12 April 2011. The portal includes a searchable collection of links to key information in each Member State, such as:

- Training course providers and apprenticeships for installers of small-scale renewables
- Continued professional development (CPD) for architects, civil engineers and planners
- Certification and training for energy managers, advisers and assessors,
- Case studies, reports and projects on the standardisation of qualifications across Europe
- EU-funded projects on training in renewable energy, energy management, sustainable buildings and many other topics.

Send your feedback to education@managenergy.net !



New IEE initiative 2011 - 2013

BUILD UP Skills

The EU Sustainable Building Workforce Initiative

BUILD UP Skills focuses on continuing the education & training of **craftsmen and other on-site construction workers and systems installers** in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy in buildings, covering these qualifications of craftsmen, construction workers, etc. **after initial education and training or after they have entered working life.**

Objectives of BUILD UP Skills

- Initiate national discussion processes that bring together all relevant stakeholders on training and qualifications of the building workforce on energy efficiency and renewable energy;
- Identify and quantify the needs and priorities for establishing a workforce qualified in energy efficiency and renewable energy in each Member State by 2020 (and beyond);
- Set up and agree national qualification roadmaps to achieve the sustainable energy policy objectives for 2020;
- Support concrete qualification schemes on the basis of roadmaps to 2020 with identified needs and priorities.

The **deadline** is 15 June 2011, 17:00 (Brussels time), via online application only. The **indicative budget** for the Call 2011 is 8 million euros, with **EU funding** up to 90% of the total eligible costs.

Further info:
http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/call_for_proposals/index_en.htm