

➤ **“SQF-CON - Transnational Network for more Quality ”**

SQF – CON (Sectoral Quality Framework for the Construction Industry) is an innovative Leonardo da Vinci project financed by EU to establish a transnational network for preparing a frame to make the various Qualification Systems in the European construction branch more transparent.

The eight active partners come from different countries: Germany, Netherlands, Italy, Romania and Belgium. The German Vocational Training Institute for Construction Industry in North Rhine-Westphalia is head of this project.

Following institutions will be involved actively:

- Vocational Training Institute for Construction Industry in Northrhine-Westphalia – BFW (DE)
- Research Institute on Employment Labour Qualification – BAQ (DE)
- Bildungswerk BAU Hessen-Thüringen e.V. – BIW (DE)
- Bildungszentren des Baugewerbes e.V. – BZB (DE)
- Fédération de l’Industrie Européenne de la Construction – FIEC (BE)
- National organization for vocational and professional training in the construction industry– FORMEDIL (IT)
- Goa Infra Foundation – GOA (NL)
- Casa de Meserii a Constructorilor – CMC (RO)

➤ **German Core Group met in Düsseldorf**

The first meeting with all German partners took place in Düsseldorf in February the 14th . Following decisions were made:

- Creating a matrix for the classification of cross-professional qualifications and responsibilities.
- This matrix should be approached as a sectoral not as an occupational grid.
- Three matrixes should be developed: each for the sector building construction, underground construction and finishing works
- Also the sectoral classifications of levels and descriptors were defined
- A transnational network between all interested and involved countries will be installed

➤ **Schedule**

Until the 31st of March 2008 the three matrixes will be developed by the German partners BFW, BIW, BZB and will be transferred to the German partner BAQ for appraising. After the next national meeting in Düsseldorf (24th of April) the passed documents will be sent to the transnational partners (IT, NL, RO) in order to be enlarged. In June (19th – 20th) all eight partners will be invited to the 1st Transnational Steering Committee Meeting. In September the first European Project Conference will take place in Bruxelles.