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Promotion of Civil Society Dialogue between EU and Turkey Project

'Improving EU Relations through Car Maintenance!'

Meeting the Challenge

Izmir is one of the most populated Turkish provinces and has more than 130 trade associations and 200 Vocational Education Training centres. Amongst these, there are thousands of employees wanting to not only improve their skills in provision of car repairs, installation and maintenance of heating and A/C systems, but also to be

able to do so according to the norms and standards for these practices in the EU. This then presents a double-challenge of both improving the provision of vocational education in the region and strengthening the capacity of the specialist training providers so that they can be accredited and integrated to EU qualification systems. To meet these challenges the Bornova Trade Association has linked up with a similar association in Izmir and with the Munster Chamber of Craftsmen and

Tradesmen in Germany. Together these specific Professional Organisations are rolling out an innovative 6-course training programme, supporting a Working Group to identify the appropriate training standards and accreditation mechanisms, and establishing sustainable modes for cooperation both amongst the various trade associations within the Izmir region and between such associations in Turkey, Germany and the EU.

The Benefits

This is an ambitious project with many expected tangible results. At the end of 18 months there will be more than 650 members of the trade associations who have been trained in the EU practices and 3 training providers equipped and accredited to continue the training provision. BOTOSO will also have had its capacity increased so that it functions as an EU-level trade association operates and will be sharing its experiences to other associations in the region and eventually across Turkey.

Partners

- ▶ Turkey, İzmir Trade Association of Furnacemen and Sanitary Installer
- ▶ Germany, Chamber of Crafts and Skilled Trades, Munster

The Project Facts

A total budget of 130,000 Euros

- 18 month project ending in November 2009.
- Activities include supporting professional training courses, the purchase of specialist equipment, awareness-raising events, a study tour, and a Working Group on accreditation.



"During this training I really felt like I was thinking and living like a European, and now I know how important it is to provide services to an agreed standard"

Trainee from the Bornova Chamber of Auto Repairers



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