Mapping the VET infrastructure across the European Gas sector

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Methodology

- Project managed by Syndex UK
  - Team of seven researchers
  - Range of knowledge and language skills
  - History of SP research, gas sector projects and VET

- Desk research for each country
  - VET infrastructure
  - Operation of the VET system
  - Governance
  - Highlighting areas for influence
Methodology

- Surveys
  - More in-depth information
    - Operation
    - Funding
    - Parameters
    - Interaction with national SPs
  - Governance
  - Potential leverage to influence

- Interviews
  - Key personnel within VET system
  - Prospect of a Sector Council for Gas
Types of VET

• General
  • Health and safety
  • Awareness
  • Provide generic industry training
  • Mandatory for employment in sector

• Technical
  • Specialised training around NOS
  • Mandatory for specific occupations
Key bodies

- Regulators
  - Government Agency / Department

- Awarding bodies
  - Set standards of training
  - Guardians of National Occupational Standards (NOS)

- Training providers
  - Private and small

- Labour Market Intelligence
  - Provide data on trends and changes within industry
  - Forecasting – employment, jobs, skills, demographics etc.
Countries so far examined

- Austria
- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Italy
- Poland
- Romania
- Slovenia
- Slovakia
- United Kingdom
Trends across Europe

• Infrastructure clear in some (Germany), not in others (Italy)

• Overlapping responsibilities between certain bodies

• National Regulators (skills and industry generally)
  • Government Ministries tend to regulate
  • Gas and/or Energy
Trends across Europe

- Awarding Bodies
  - Straightforward (Germany)
  - Vary in number (Two in Slovakia)
  - Control NOS
  - Gas and/or Energy
  - Tripartite (Italy) and Bipartite (UK)

- Good LMI – dissemination and collaboration less clear

- Separate bodies for specific areas of Gas sector (Poland)
Next steps

• Your comments, questions and advice
• Do you have any contacts within your VET system?
• Production of survey
• List of interviews
• Presentation of progress to Steering Group on 26th April
• Continue desk research into remaining countries
Survey proposal

- Role of institution
- Governance
- Research programme
- Publications
- Interaction with Sector Council for Gas
- Connecting the VET bodies
- Sector Council at the heart of VET for Gas sector
Comments, questions and advice?

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