

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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