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## 1 Introduction

The current deliverable details the background, objectives and the results of the development process in relation to the E-inventory of TRAN4SUSTAIN ESR platform and related features. As a result of the project workplan a significant amount of information has been produced in WP2 and in WP3 (Task 2.1 and 3.1 respectively) about the available courses throughout EU Members States in project partner countries: Spain, France, Italy, Germany and Hungary.

The task 3.3 aimed at managing and transforming the accumulated information into an online available database of discovered courses, linked with Qualification Schemes. The management and display of such collected courses linked with Qualification Schemes opens up potential to promote sustainable energy skills of construction professionals and stimulate the market penetration of skilled professionals.

This deliverable is describing how the inventory database is organized purely starting from the available information about the collected courses and how the link can be made between courses and Qualification Schemes, ultimately with Learning Outcomes. This part of the European Skills Registry (ESR) platform serves as a knowledge base that can be grown in the future to be more complete and up to date (information details of the stored data).

Registered users of the facility will be able to access tutorial and e-learning materials e.g.: video tutorials and best practices once the project interacts with end-users and collect the feedbacks from them on the platform features i.e. the E-inventory. Support is also provided for the facility, in a format of a help desk, thus the proper and natural use of the platform is secured.

In the outlook section of the deliverable the summary of the exploitable results and next steps are detailed.



## 2 <u>The development process of the</u> <u>TRAIN4SUSTAIN e-inventory</u>

E-inventory is an integrated part of the ESR Platform. This integration is not only appearing in a logical level, but also true speaking in technical terms. Since the Course database - that is the basis of the e-inventory - has important relations to other entities within the Platform, it came as a natural decision that it would be using the same storage, CMS application (nGrosser) and codebase as the Platform itself. Further details about these can be found in [Report about the ESR Platform, in deliverable D3.2].

## 2.1 Link with other modules

The Courses in E-Inventory are directly linked with Qualification Schemes (QSs). This relation is one layer that ensures that Courses can be advised to Experts based on the differences of their Passports and certain QSs.

At a deeper level of the hierarchy Courses can also be linked with individual Learning Outcomes (LOs), which gives the option to further sophisticate the relevance of Courses advised to Experts.

Course-LO relation is also the basis of filtering the Courses within E-Inventory (see: 3.1.2.2), where filtering on Thematic Fields (TFs) and/or Expertise will result in a filtering based on related LOs under the hood.

In order to make these connections available, the underlying database structure has to define the relations between Course and other entities, as described in the next part.

## 2.2 Data Layer

#### 2.2.1 Storage

E-Inventory related data is stored in the same relational MySQL database as other data related to the Platform.



### 2.2.2Entities



#### 2.2.2.1 Course

Course is the main entity within e-inventory. To make internationalization (i18n) possible, it is represented with 2 tables in the database (*cqs\_course* and *cqs\_course\_content*), that are connected via *cqs\_course\_id* field, which is also the primary key of the course entity.

#### 2.2.2.2 Institution

Institutions can be related to Courses in two cases. As Providing and as Sponsoring institutions. Separating them into *cqs\_institution* table ensures easier management of these entities and relations while reduces redundancy in the stored data.

#### 2.2.2.3 Learning Outcome

Not strictly part of the e-inventory data structure, rather the Platform's core data structure. *cqs\_learning\_outcome* table appears here so that the n:m relation between Courses and LOs to be presentable.

#### 2.2.2.4 Qualification Scheme

Not strictly part of the e-inventory data structure, rather the Platform's core data structure. *cqs\_qualification\_scheme* table appears here so that the 1:n relation between Courses and QSs to be presentable.



## 3 TRAIN4SUSTAIN e-inventory in the ESR

Users can access and interact with the data stored e-inventory on the <u>https://esr.train4sustain.eu/e-inventory</u> url.

## 3.1 Course list/search page

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	EXPERTS	PROJECTS	SCHEMES	E-INVENTORY	ABOUT US	
		E-II	VVEN	TORY		
	Find and re	ad details abo	out courses th	hat are most rele	vant for you.	
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This is the main entry point for users to Courses and the data stored in the e-inventory module of the Platform.

Besides a description of what e-inventory is, one can find a filterable list of Courses on the page, from where there are options to navigate further for more detailed information on the entities of their interest.

#### 3.1.1 Access rights

The data represented in e-inventory is accessible for every visitor, without the requirement to be registered on the Platform.



## 3.1.2Elements

#### 3.1.2.1 Main article



An at the top of the page with the purpose of explaining the visitors what they can find in the e-inventory, what it can be used for and how they can use it. Part of this section is a button that navigates the user to the *BuildUpSkills search page* integrated into the Platform (see: [section link]).

The main article can be customized and edited from the Control Panel by users with at least Assistant rights. Read more on this in section 3.3.

FIND COURSES
_ SEARCH
_ THEMATIC FIELDS
EXPERTISE
Clear filters Search

#### 2122 Course filter

This element is a form at the left side of the page that makes filtering of the Course list possible.

It consists of three fields, each of which representing different aspect of filtering the results. The relation between the conditions set by the different fields is an AND type of relation, which means that in case at least two of the fields are filled, each of the conditions must match on a single entity for that entity to show up in the result list.

The filtering options are as follows:



#### 3.1.2.2.1 Search

A free text field, that - if being filled - will result in a keyword search within the textual content of Courses. These include: *name*, *description*, *denomination* of the professional qualification, target groups, didactic method, prerequisites, qualification renewal, reference legislation, name of related qualification scheme, country.

In case the Search field contains a phrase, the filtering will occur on the complete phrase, and not on the words separately.

#### 3.1.2.2.2 Thematic Fields

A customized multi-select dropdown, where users can choose one or more from all the Thematic Fields existing in the Platform. Having a value will result in filtering the Courses based on TFs related to them either via a QS or individual LOs.

In case multiple TFs are selected all Courses will be part of the result list that have a relation to at least one of the TFs represented in the filter (provided no conditions set by the other 2 filters are preventing this). This is because the relation between filter values within this field is an OR type of relation.

#### 3.1.2.2.3 Expertise

A customized multi-select dropdown, where users can choose one or more from either all the Expertise existing in the Platform, or - in case *Thematic Fields* filter has a value - a list of Expertise that are filtered based on the TFs selected in the *Thematic Fields* filter. Having a value will result in filtering the Courses based on Experiences related to them either via a QS or individual LOs.

In case multiple expertise are selected all Courses will be part of the result list that have a relation to at least one of the expertise represented in the filter (provided no conditions set by the other 2 filters are preventing this). This is because the relation between filter values within this field is an OR type of relation.

The values of the filter fields can be cleared with the *Clear filters* button.

The search of Courses can be initiated either with clicking on the *Search* button or hitting *Enter* key on the keyboard. The list of Courses found by the search operation will appear at the main section of the page.



IND COURSES	Specialized Master® Project Management; Construction -	
	Sustainable Construction	
SEARCH	ТВА	
energy	1 year	
THEMATIC FIELDS	♥ France	
	Manage construction projects over the entire life cycle by ensuring technical, economic, legal; and regul	
EXPERTISE	acceptance (standards and labels), energy and environmental efficiency.; Manage a sustainable or intel	
	construction or renovation operation.; Reflect on the scale of the building and the scale of urban plannin	
	Leading multicultural men and teams; ; https://catalogue.cesi.fr/mastere-specialise-management-de-proj	6
Clear filters Searce	construction-bin-1602302-2020/, ,	
	Sustainable energy and building project manager	
	TBA	
	12 months. 6 months of lessons and 6 months of internship in a company	
	♥ France	
	Using a clabel vision of the ensure and sustainable building context Decommond technical calutions to re-	
	Have a global vision of the energy and sustainable building sector.; Recommend technical solutions to re energy consumption : Lise renewable energy : Reduce the impact of the building on the environment dur	
	construction phase - construction / renovation, use and: end of life.; Raise awareness of the energy tran	
	by supporting the projects of different actors (individuals, communities, companies, etc.) and at different	
	(building, neighborhood, territory).; https://www.asder.asso.fr/je-recherche-une-formation/formations-	
	certifiantes/formation-charge-de-projet-energie-batiment-durables/	(
	CasaClima Energy Consultant (IT)	
	CasaClima Energy Consultant (IT)	
	120 hours + final exam	
	♥ Italy	
	The CasaClima Consultant is a professional figure who has the knowledge to answer all questions	
	regarging new pulldings and energy restoration. The CasaClima Energy Consultant is a professional	

Appearing at the main section of the page, this is a list of Courses represented as Course Cards (see: 3.1.2.4). The list contains the Courses that are satisfying the filter conditions set in the Course filter form, not showing more than 50 of them upon first load. There is option to make another 50 Courses visible using the Load more button residing below the list.

#### 3.1.2.4 Course Card





A Course Card is the most basic element of the Result list. It is representing the most important information stored about a Course within the e-inventory in an organized and condensed form.

This information consists of the following properties:

- Name of the Course
- QS related to the Course
- Duration of the Course
- Location of the Course by Country
- A segment of the Description of the Course

Besides providing the basic information, the Course Card also provides access to detailed information on the Course and the QS related to it after different user interactions.

Clicking on the Name of the Course, or the arrow at the bottom of the Card's right section () will open the dedicated page of the Course represented by the Card in a separate tab. (see: 3.2).

Clicking on the name of the QS related to the Course will open the dedicated page of the QS in a separate tab.



## 3.2 Course page

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EXPERTS PROJECTS SCHE	MES E-INVENTORY HELPDESK	
CASACLIMA ENERG	GY CONSULTANT (IT)	
The CasaClima Consultant is a professional figure who has the knowle restoration. The CasaClima Energy Consultant is a professional figure buildings, autonomously and independently. It supports the private ind both new buildings and renovation. The CasaClima Consultant follows the CasaClima.	edge to answer all questions regarding new buildings and energy who carries out consultancy activities in the construction of CasaClima ividual, the designer and the builder in the design choices, concerning the entire certification process, from the design to the construction of	
Location :	Italy	
Denomination of the professional qualification :	CasaClima agent	
Target groups addressed : architects, engineers, surveyors, them	notechnics	
Didactic method :	The process of training to become energy consultant ClimateHouse, only by those with a degree in technical field, has three levels which are divided into 16 hours of basic course, 40-hour advanced course and 120 hours of study consultant.	
Duration of course :	120 hours + final exam	
Prerequisites :	attendance of BASIC and ADVANCED CasaClima courses for designers	
Qualification renewal :	1 year	
Qualification register :	https://www.agenziacasaclima.it/it/rete-casaclima/consulenti-casaclima- 1371.html	
Reference legislation :	https://www.agenziacasaclima.it/it/direttiva-tecnica-nuovi-edifici- settembre-201710-1205.html	
PROVIDING IN STITUTION	SPON SORING INSTITUTION	
Agenzia per l'Energia Alto Adige	Agenzia per l'Energia Alto Adige	
Agenzia per l'Energia Alto Adige – CasaClima	Agenzia per l'Energia Alto Adige – CasaClima	
Via A. Volta 13°, 39100 Bolzano	Via A. Volta 13°, 39100 Bolzano	

The main purpose of this page is to provide detailed information about a Course that can be found in the e-inventory. The content of this page is always representing one Course, and each Course within the database can be presented in the form of a Course page.



Users can access the page using the direct url (eg. https://esr.train4sustain.eu/einventory/course/5) - which requires the knowledge of the courseID of the Course one would like to get detailed information on - or navigating there from a Course Card (see: 3.1.2.4) on the Course list page (see: 3.1)

The page consists of three sections.

#### 3.2.1 Description

Qualifying training on the subject of energy transition.; Gesture practice on technical platforms.; Be operational in a promising field.; Define and estimate energy performance work on new and old buildings.; Plan and organize the site.; Carry out and supervise the energy performance work of the building.

The complete description of the Course as it is provided in the Control Panel.

#### 3.2.2Course properties

Location :	France
Denomination of the professional qualification :	Building Energy Performance Team Leader
Target groups addressed :	Job seekers, employees, young apprentices
Didactic method :	Theoretical classes; Gesture practice on technical platforms; Company internship
Duration of course :	640 h (18 weeks) at school and 610 h (18 weeks) in the company
Prerequisites :	EQF 3 in building (mason, carpenter) or experience
Qualification register :	Level IV Low Consumption Building Technician Certification (high school graduate) registered with RNCP (National Register of Professional Certifications)

The complete list of properties that are describing the Course.

#### 3.2.3 Related institutions

PROVIDING INSTITUTION	SPONSORING INSTITUTION
Institut National de l'Energie Solaire	Institut National de l'Energie Solaire
<ul> <li>04 79 26 44 30</li> <li>https://www.ines-solaire.org/</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>04 79 26 44 30</li> <li>https://www.ines-solaire.org/</li> </ul>

This section presents the institutions that are related to the Course. The information about the institutions is presented in card format. Each card represents one institution, and shows basic features of that entity (name, abbreviation, contact data) besides allowing the user interaction to make contact (via phone or email)if such



details are present and access to further details with opening the website of the given institution in a new tab (in case the url is stored in our database).

## 3.3 Build Up Skills Advisor search page

SUSTAIN EUROPEAN SKILLS REGISTRY					Profile 🗸	
	EXPERTS P	ROJECTS S	CHEMES	E-INVENTORY	ABOUT US	
	BUILI	O UP S	KILL	S ADVI	SOR	
Search for courses in the integration of Build	ne Build Up Skills Ad Up Skills Advisor da	visor database ta into this Pla	tform enab	les you to have a	ccess even more courses. If yo	ou would
like to search in the Bu button.	like to search in the Build Up Skills Advisor database please type your keyword(s) in the field below and click the Search button.					irch
You can find more infor	mation on Build Up \$	Skills Advisor h	ere: https://	/buildupskillsnede	erland.nl/	
Search for Courses in	BUILD UP Skills Advise	pr				Search

The page gives the ability for visitors to search courses in the Build Up Skills Advisor (BUS) database. It is important to understand that the data can be accessed here is not related to the CQS in terms of the courses listed on this page do not have a relation built with any of the QSs-s or the LOs stored in the CQS database. The reason of this is that this information is not provided by the BUS api that we are using to get access to the details of these courses.

#### 3.3.1The BUS api integration

The data of courses presented on BUS search page are gained through the api provided by the BUS platform, although they are cached and stored within ESR Platform database to increase search performance and prevent overloading the api with requests.

#### 3.3.1.1 Data collection

The course data is collected by a periodic background process, that sends a request to the BUS api once in every 30 days to ensure the data is kept up to date. The api response - which is a list of courses in the structure determined by the BUS api - is then transformed by the background process to match the data structure used by ESR Platform. After the transformation the data is stored in the Platform's database.



#### 3.3.1.2 Data storage



The BUS course data is stored in a MySQL database in a normalized and relational form. This enables better performance in searching and filtering the courses.

#### 3.3.2 Searching courses

Search for Courses	n BUILD UP Skills Advisor	Search

Users can search courses provided by the BUS api using a free text search field. Clicking the search button after filling in the search field with a phrase will result in a keyword search within the textual content of courses. These include: name, type, description of the course, occupations and specialties related to the course, and the name of the provider institution.

The list of Courses found by the search operation will appear at the main section of the page.



### 3.3.3 Result list



Appearing below the search field (see: 3.3.1.3), this is a list of courses represented as Course Cards (see: 3.3.1.5). The list contains the courses from the BUS database that are matching the keyword in the search field, not showing more than 50 of them upon first load. There is option to make another 50 Courses visible using the Load more button residing below the list.

#### 3.3.4 Course Card

Bouwradius Training & Advies	Energiezuinige en luchtdichte constructies	
	Tijdens deze training leert de vakman hoe hij de juiste producten voor de juiste toepassing 'in één keer goed' kan verwerken. Hierdoor weet hij faalkosten te voorkomen, die onverantwoord hoog kunnen oplopen als de luchtdichtheidseis niet wordt gehaald.	
Occupations:	Dakdekker	
Specialties:	uchtdicht bouwen	$\bigcirc$



A Course Card is the elementary entity of the Result list. It is representing the most important information stored about a course within the e-inventory in an organized and condensed form.

This information consists of the:

- Name of the course
- Type of the course
- The hosting country
- Logo of the course provider
- A segment of the Description of the course
- Occupations related to the course
- Specialties related to the course

Besides providing the basic information, the Course Card also provides access to detailed information about the course and gives option to contact the provider after different user interactions.

Clicking on the Name of the course, or the arrow at the bottom of the Card's right section (O) will open the web page of the course in a new tab.

Clicking on the paper plane icon at the top of the Card's right section (2) the user can contact the course provider with their built-in mailer application.

#### 3.3.5 L10n

Since most of the courses imported from the BUS database are of a local interest of the country they are hosted in (mainly Netherlands), the descriptions are presented in that local language by the BUS api. However, this is foreseen to be changed in the future as the BUS api developers have the i18n of this content in their pipeline.



## 5 Outlook and future updates

At the moment, the TRAIN4SUSTAIN consortium is considering several roads to exploit the course database and the E-inventory module of the project platform. Obviously, there are a number of options ahead of us that can mean different outcomes in the medium and long maintenance of the module.

The consortium members are organizing bilateral chats with projects and data managers e.g. ISSO the lead partner behind the BUS advisor app, whom we might able to cooperate on technical aspects (api) and who has great database on national and/or supranational level. We explore ways how is it sustainable to maintain or develop such service that the TRAIN4SUSTAIN e-inventory - combined with Qualification Schemes - provides for end-users (on supply side) and for scheme operators.

Naturally, every database is valuable if they are up to date and when there are efforts constantly or intermittently behind the tool and its interface. Until the end of the funded project we will develop and push the E-inventory concept to be adequate for the project purposes and be able to showcase all the platform features that are organic and adding value to the mutual recognition of qualification skills in the construction sector.