

# Step into BIM – digitising VET



Si! BIM project is one of the many projects in the Erasmus+ programme dealing with BIM. 48 construction projects related to BIM have been awarded under Erasmus+ in the period 2016-2020.

The aim of the Step into BIM (Si! BIM) project is to provide demonstrable innovation and added value to vocational education and training. It focuses on improving digital skills and awareness with a particular focus on the use and relevance of BIM in the construction sector in the EU. Good digital skills are essential in today's workplace and are the area where most workers are critically lacking.

This project will help employers and employees address the challenges of BIM by creating an accessible learning portal. It will enable the improvement of digital skills knowledge and awareness for both existing and new employees in the industry. Innovative and modern technologies will be used to support digital training and provide participants with greater career opportunities and improved professional mobility in the construction industry VET.

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# **Multiplier events**

As part of the Si! BIM project, we organized a multiplier event in each of the project partner countries, where we presented the final results of the project.

#### **Spain**

The multiplier event was held on September 23 and was a face-to-face meeting attended by ten participants. We had prepared a short presentation with information about the project, the partners, the objectives and the main outcomes. Afterwards, we



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presented the training content on the website and explained each unit in detail, and we even did a self-assessment with the participants!







## **Germany**

The meeting took place in a hybrid mode with 8 German participants having attended in person and 16 national and international participants having been connected online.

The German SIBIM multiplier event took place in the morning of Thursday, 9th of September 2021 in Cologne / Germany. This Multiplier Event has been moderated by Bildungszentren des Baugewerbes (BZB). Stakeholders stem from vocational education and training centres, universities, branch associations, institutes dealing with sustainability aspects, human resource management, private companies and chambers.

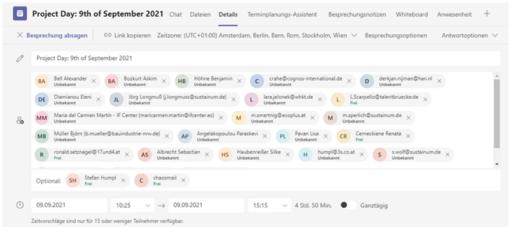
Mr. Frank Bertelmann-Angenendt (BZB) provided the stakeholders with a comprehensive introduction of the SIBIM aim, its measures and eventually the expected results. He explained the more theoretical aspects from the work packages (intellectual outputs) as well as insight into how to use the learning modules in practice.

He demonstrated an entire cycle of entering the website and selecting the appropriate language version to starting the learning module and go through it. The different elements of the learning material – particularly how to move within chapters and goingf rom chapter to the menu and so on – were extensively shown leaving the participants to test it by themselves in parallel.

The additional sections of FAQs and the quizes were presented with were presented too and it was suggested that once the participant completes the learning material they should be able to the quizzes with ease.

The reactions by attendees were positive and they rate the easy access in favourably. Navigation through the learning materials was well recieived too. The level of contents was agreed on being appropriate for the target groups.

Mr. Bertelmann-Angenendt mentioned that SIBIM results were recommended as best practice example to be added to the Construction Blueprint1 project in order to be further spread in Europe.









# <u>SiBIM</u>

Main target
Achieved results
Content demonstration
Considerations
Discussion

## Belgium

The Belgian multiplier event took place online on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The results of the Si!BIM project were presented by Centre IFAPME Liège-Huy-Verviers during a 1,5-hour webinar entitled "La **B**onne Information au bon **M**oment", a play on the BIM acronym that literally translates from French to "The right information at the right time".

The webinar aimed at introducing participants to new BIM tools and processes in the construction sector and to explain how they can contribute to a better collaboration between all actors involved in a construction project. After an overview of the added value of these new digital tools at the successive stages of a construction project, the Si!BIM online course platform was presented to the participants. The presenters showed how to access the French version of the online course and how to navigate between the different units and topics. The general structure of the course, as well as the types of content that the course offers, including quizzes at the end each topic, were presented to the participants.

The webinar was attended by 32 participants (31 Belgium and 1 from Luxembourg) from construction companies, sectoral organizations and training organizations (trainers, staff and students). Afterwards the participants received a link to a collaborative Padlet where they could find all the information shared during the webinar. The feedback received from participants was very positive, with several of them stressing the need for training in BIM and new construction tools.



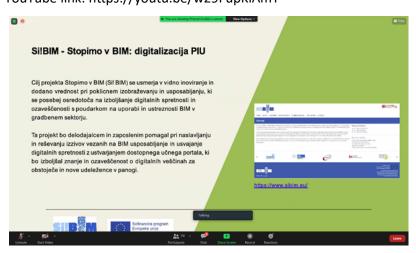


#### Slovenia

The dissemination event took place on June 2, 2021 online only. In Slovenia, we shared the results of the project with more than 300 participants live, and the recording was viewed by an additional 100 participants in 3 months. SI! BIM's course and many newly prepared materials were presented by Valentina Kuzma from GZS ZGIGM. The course was published at just the right time, as in Slovenia the obligation to use BIM will also be required in the amendment to the Construction Act.

The event was followed by two operational stakeholder meetings on a smaller scale; meeting with principals, VET teachers and trainers of secondary and higher construction (vocational) poles on 23 June 2021 and 13 September 2021. We agreed that the new material will be included in a new educational module, which the GZS ZGIGM together with other stakeholders will propose for regular use. education in the mentioned educational institutions in the school year 2021/2022.

YouTube link: https://youtu.be/w29FupKlAmY

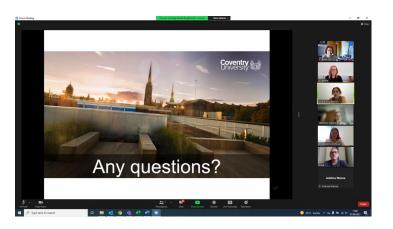




## Last project meeting, 7 September 2021

Despite our hopes that the final meeting would take place face-to face in Madrid we had to have a virtual meeting on 7 September 2021 due to different travel permissions by the partners. The meeting focused on the few outstanding tasks including minor corrections to the online learning materials detected during testing and Multiplier events. Partnership agreed that despite challenging circumstances for the best part of the project the resulting output is valuable sources to teaching and learning about BIM in construction industry.

The next step is to ensure further dissemination of the project results.





### Results

The Si!BIM course aims to give a simplified, easy to understand overview of BIM (Building Information Management).

The course covers the following:

An introduction to the overall framework of the BIM process, the standards used and specific terminology relating to BIM to help the learner understand how BIM integrates into the construction industry and all the advantages and issues are identified.

The practical aspects of where BIM is used within various stages of a construction project with an overview of the various collaboration tools and modelling platforms as well as the advantages of digital technology in construction processes.

The strategic management value of BIM in the construction industry and a comparison to traditional processes. The learner will also understand the overall operation of BIM in terms of information workflows, protocols and data sharing. The material is divided into 3 learning units consisting of 3 topics each.

Unit 1: Introduction to BIM

Topic 1A - Why BIM?

Topic 1B - Language of BIM

Topic 1C - BIM collaboration

Unit 2: BIM Modelling (Practice)

Topic 2A - BIM collaboration tools

Topic 2B - BIM modelling platforms

Topic 2C - BIM's role in digitalisation of construction industry

Unit 3: BIM Management

Topic 3A - BIM as project management tool

Topic 3B - BIM Information Delivery Cycle

Topic 3C - BIM Documentation



Each topic includes interactive learning materials that will give the basic understanding of the topic, frequently asked question (FAQ) – to further expand understanding of the most relevant points and a multiple choice quiz to reinforce understanding of the



# HOW TO DEMONSTRATE USE OF SI!BIM COURSE, OUR HINT FOR EXPLOITATION

# The European Vocational Skills Week Team proposal for teachers, OCT 2021: SELFIE

"Building a School Digital Strategy with the SELFIE Tool" will be launched on the School Education Gateway Teacher Academy on 25 October 2021. The course is free, online and open to teachers and other school stakeholders from any country. SELFIE (Self-reflection on Effective Learning by Fostering the use of Innovative Educational technologies) is a free tool designed to help schools embed digital technologies into teaching, learning and assessment. SELFIE has a strong basis in research and was developed based on the European Commission framework on promoting digital-age learning in educational organisations. SELFIE anonymously gathers the views of students, teachers and school leaders on how technology is used in their school. This is done using short statements and questions and a simple 1-5 answer scale. The questions and statements take around 20 minutes to complete. Based on this input, the tool generates a report – a snapshot ('SELFIE':-)) of a school's strengths and weaknesses in their use of technology. SELFIE is available for any primary, secondary and vocational schools in Europe and beyond, and in over 30 languages. It can be used by any school – not just those with advanced levels of infrastructure, equipment and technology use. Designed by and for schools SELFIE is an initiative of the European Commission and is funded through the Erasmus programme. It is free of charge for every school.





#### THE STEPS WE HAVE MADE

- 1. Si!BIM course specification FINALISED
- 2. Si!BIM Vocational Open Online Course (VOOC):

**UNIT1 Introduction to BIM - FINALISED** 

**UNIT 2 BIM Modelling - FINALISED** 

**UNIT 3 BIM Management - FINALISED** 

- 3. Pilot training workshop FINALISED
- 4. Pilot testing and workshop FINALISED
- 5. Si!BIM Info Days (UK, DE, SI, ESP, BEL) FINALISED

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