

Moldovan Training Centre for Gas Technicians: GazTrain

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The German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Bonn, cofinances development projects of German industrial companies in some development and transition countries. In Moldova, such DeveloPPP-projects have been implemented several times by organisations like GIZ, SEQUA and DEG. Spelleken Assoc. are specialised in such projects that often appear like competence or training centres. SEQUA with its rich portfolio of vocational training knowledge cofinances the new project GazTrain which was designed by Flacara Albastre and Spelleken Assoc. for Viessmann.

Viessmann is a significant player in the market for gas boilers in Moldova. The corporation from Allendorf, Germany, is specialised in small and medium sized gas boilers with advanced technology and superb energy efficiency. The company wants to increase its market share and further improve its image as a partner of Moldovan authorities, companies and households.

For this purpose, the level of vocational qualification and consumers' awareness will be increased. This considers the vocational training of gas professionals in a new training centre of Flacara Albastre. Viessmann and Flacara Albastre have signed the agreement to set-up the training centre GazTrain until the end of 2015. It considers two new courses that fill the gap of a missing vocational training for Moldovan gas technicians for the consumption area. The service field of giving maintenance and repairing smaller boilers in houses and flats does not exist in Moldova, yet.

Objectives

Objectives of GazTrain are:

1. a new service for Moldovan households that enables them to take care of security and safety, but also of comfort and life quality, for existing and new flat heating
2. an improvement and enhancement of gas professions for sustainable employment and competence of Moldovan medium class skilled workers and engineers
3. a strong promotion of energy efficiency on the decentral gas market of Moldova and
4. the strengthening of the awareness, knowledge and market position of Viessmann for better sales and a strong institutional support even towards permits and regulations in the gas market

Measures

Starting in September 2014, Flacara Albastre will run two-week training courses for 12 technicians, most of them employed in a company, some of them individual craftsmen. In the half a year of operation, five such courses will be done with 60 graduated technicians.

After an evaluation and improvement of the curriculum, at the beginning of 2015, ten more courses will be given with about 120 graduated technicians. After a final evaluation, in late spring 2015, the curriculum will be approved by the Ministry of Economy.

Then, the course will be promoted and sold on the market. The medium term number of pupils will be 300 per year in about 20 courses. GazTrain will be equipped with a sophisticated Infomobil, which is a truck with a showroom of boilers and accessories for the visit of rayon centres of the country.

Thanks to the the improved training and better service level in decentralised gas heating, the consumers in Moldova will feel the improved safety and the much better service for their houses and flats.