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### **Creation of skill centres for continuing vocational training in the craft sector**

The Federation of Craftsmen (Fédération des Artisans) is launching skill centres for continuing vocational training to face up to the challenges arising in the sector.

The purpose of the centres is to provide craft businesses with employees whose training keeps them up to date with developments in terms of technology, management and the economy. They take their inspiration from the successful model set up by the training body for the building sector (Institut de Formation du Secteur du Bâtiment - IFSB), and are in line with the Government's declaration and European programmes on sustainable construction and the smart management of energy. The centres will cover jobs in engineering in the building and finishing trades.

The skill centres pursue a three-fold objective: setting up a coherent, complete system of sectorial continuing vocational training, ensuring a technology watch for the sector, and investing in the solidarity economy.

The system is structured in accordance with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) and enables employees to make continuous progress throughout their careers.

To provide financing for the skill centres, businesses in the sector of engineering in the building and finishing trades will be investing an annual 0.5% of their total payroll in vocational training measures in favour of their employees.

Activities at the centres will commence on 1 July 2015.