

AGROSH+

“OSH+ for the European Agriculture sector - Stimulating growth in rural areas through capacity building for providers (and beneficiaries) of occupational medicine and OSH services”

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PARTNERSHIP

The Project Coordinator

- ✧ **Romtens Foundation**, Romania, Bucharest <http://www.romtens.ro/>

Partners:

- ✧ **PROLEPSIS** - Institute of Preventive Medicine Environmental and Occupational Health from Greece, Athens <http://www.prolepis.gr>
- ✧ **FCBZR** - Foundation "Center for Safety and Health at Work" from Bulgaria, Sofia <http://fcbzr.org/>
- ✧ **UMFVBT** - Victor Babeş University of Medicine and Pharmacy Timisoara from Romania, Timisoara <http://www.umft.ro/>
- ✧ **WRC** - Work Research Centre Ireland Ltd from Ireland, Dublin <http://www.wrc-research.ie>

CONTEXT

The project is addressing the domains of Occupational Safety and Health and Occupational Medicine by particularizing them to the sector of agriculture.

According to 2012 data of EUROSTAT/ESAW for EU-28, agriculture occupies the 4th place (out of 22 NACE categories analyzed) in terms of number of both **non-fatal and fatal accidents**. In the same time statistics for occupational diseases are showing a fairly similar situation, agriculture is the 4th sector responsible for producing work-related sick leaves in EU-28 (EUROSTAT/ESAW).

In terms of training courses, in all 4 countries represented in the project, there aren't available on the market training courses specifically crafted for OSH experts and occupational physicians providing their services to the agriculture sector. Currently in each country the offer of OSH training courses consists only of general OSH courses for safety experts and only of information sessions (tackling agriculture specific issues) for occupational physicians.

Therefore the AGROSH+ project will fill the need of specific knowledge articulated as training materials for those OSH experts and occupational physicians providing services to the agriculture sector, and it will do it by gathering, adapting and adjusting transnational expertise.

OBJECTIVES

The general objective of the project is to enhance the knowledge and expertise of those OSH experts (safety engineers and occupational physicians) who are in charge with providing OSH services (occupational safety & occupational medicine services) to enterprises working within the agriculture sector (multiple sub-sectors comprised).

Specific objectives:

- ✧ To assess the Training Needs of specialists (safety experts & occupational physicians) providing OSH services & Occupational medicine services to the agriculture sector;
- ✧ To enhance the level of expertise (increasing their knowledge, skills, and attitude) for a number of 57 specialists (27 OSH experts & 30 Occ. Med. physicians);

- ❖ To increase the level of information for a community of 100 OSH experts & Occupational and physicians (but also other interested parties) active in the agriculture sector;
- ❖ To enhance partners' institutional capacity (in terms of training in the fields of OSH & Occ. Med.) so as to further impact VET and education systems in accommodating changes of their curricula and contents related to the envisaged fields.

ACTIVITIES

In order to achieve the general and specific objectives, the project had foreseen the following main activities:

Learning, teaching and training activities (face-to-face & e-learning):

- ❖ 1st Joint Staff Training - training course for testing the paraphernalia (curriculum, materials, case studies, other instruments) for the Course dedicated to OSH experts (13 participants);
- ❖ 2nd Joint Staff Training- training course for testing the paraphernalia (curriculum, materials, case studies, other instruments) for the Course dedicated to occupational physicians (14 participants);
- ❖ Course 1, OSH for Agriculture – Blended course with both face-to-face and e-learning sessions ,27 OSH experts;
- ❖ Course 2, Occupational Medicine for Agriculture - Blended course with both face-to-face and e-learning sessions, 30 occupational physicians.

The trainees will receive accreditations depending on their status such as UEMS-EACCME - Continuous Medical Education (CME) credits, EUROPASS Mobility Certificates and/or Certificate from National Authority for Qualifications.

Multiplier events

In each country (participant in the project) there will be organized an event in order to disseminate the results of the project with the participation of 20 experts from OSH and Occupational Medicine community.

Transnational meeting

The project foresees 5 Transnational Meeting, 1 in every country (participant in the project).

