



Project
„Reliable occupational accident registration
– indicator for prevention”

Project acronym: «*Realocc Accidents*»

Project aim & objective: Project «*Reliable occupational accident registration - indicator for prevention*» is a project supported by SEED MONEY FACILITY of EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (BSR) with aim to provide sufficient background information on existing situation regarding occupational accidents at workplaces and to develop a larger scale project in Baltic Sea Region (with potential to expand across other EU regions). The potential project's objective is to develop a reliable reporting and registration system for occupational and work related accidents as a reliable indicator and prerequisite for workplace accident benchmarking within the BSR. It aims at joint action of the BSR countries in order to get a more homogeneous picture of the work place accidents, to foster common action for their reduction and thereby to improve the health of the workers and their working conditions and working environment. It is planned that «*Realocc Accidents*» project will allow policy makers in the BSR to know better about the real number of work related accidents and allow a benchmarking. This will enable policy makers and OSH stakeholders to take target-oriented measures for a better prevention of work place accidents.

Background and main tasks:

“*Realocc Accidents*” project is an element of the overall "Health at Work" programme, which is an action of the NDPHS network launched in order to support the EUSBSR PA Health. The project idea was triggered by several preliminary research analyses in Norway and Latvia as well as across EU identifying the gaps in registration of workplace accidents and discrepancies in registration rates of accidents. Also the assessment of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) notes that there is severe underreporting of accidents at work and that only a fraction of work related accidents are registered in some BSR countries. The comparison of the ratio between fatal accidents (which seldom go unnoticed) and other accidents also backs the findings and indicates a severe degree of underreporting. Concerns of underreporting come also from the EU OSHA and the WHO and also specifically in the new EU strategic framework for safety and health for 2014-2020. Exact statistics are important for the efficient planning and management of occupational safety and health resources, labour inspection and intervention programmes this endangering health or the workers as well as competitiveness of the companies in the Baltic Sea Area.

Main expected results: «*Realocc Accidents*” project aims to provide clear and homogenous picture on gaps in current systems of occupational accidents in BSR countries backed up with statistical and research data as background document for larger scale project application. Project also plans to invite possible collaboration institutions across BSR and EU to form potential project consortium to prepare and submit full application to identified project scheme.

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