

Better prevention, identification and reporting of work-related and occupational diseases and emerging risks (EuropeAid/132633/C/SER/Multi, Lot 8, RfS no.: 2016/380168/1)

Goals, Methods and Planning of the Project

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Participating countries

- Belarus
- Estonia
- Finland
- Germany
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Norway
- Poland
- Russia
- Sweden



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Background: NDPHS Strategy 2020 (ToR)

- **1) tripartite situational OSH analysis for better decision-making**
- 2) coordinated national policy frameworks for health and safety at work
- **3) coordinated special national programmes for the development of occupational health services for all working people**
- 4) higher national commitment to prevention of occupational hazards
- **5) strengthened training framework for OHS staff in the Northern Dimension area**
- 6) better practical implementation of policies by improved information dissemination.

Definitions (ILO)

- **Occupational disease:** disease that covers any disease contracted as a result of an exposure to risk factors arising from work activity
- **Work-related diseases:** illnesses that can be caused worsened or jointly caused by working conditions. A case of work-related illness does not necessarily refer to recognition by an authority whereas occupational diseases have a specific or a strong relation to the occupation, generally with only one causal agent while work-related diseases have a complex aetiology. Among their multiple causal agents, factors arising from the work and/or working environment play a role in the development of such diseases.
- A more precise distinction between occupational diseases and work-related diseases can be made by evaluating their **attributable fractions**.

(Inter)national projects on data collection of occupational diseases

- **OCCUSTAT** (DG Employment): future of EODS
- **BSN-network**: harmonisation of data collection
- **Modernet**: network for development of new techniques for discovering trends in occupational and work-related diseases and tracing new and emerging risks
- **European Commission (Astri/ vd Laan)**: Report on the current situation in relation to occupational diseases' systems in EU Member States and EFTA/EEA countries, in particular relative to Commission Recommendation 2003/670/EC concerning the European Schedule of Occupational Diseases and gathering of data on relevant related aspects (2013)
- National and regional projects

Global objective of the project

To improve the understanding, identification and reporting of emerging risks, work-related and occupational diseases at first in the Northern Dimension area as well as disseminate information at a global scale in cooperation with the EU OSHA, Eurostat, the ILO, ICOH and the WHO. This will provide better understanding of the challenge and help in devising policies and strategic risk mitigation efforts.

Specific objectives of the project

- 1. Promote the understanding of the significance of the prevention of OD & WRD and ER of reliable statistics.
- 2. Collect national lists and criteria for reporting of OD & WRD as well as ER and describe the identification and reporting systems in the NDPHS countries.
- 3. Detect barriers to identify and report on OD & WRD.
- 4. Develop recommendations for improved reporting systems
- 5. Disseminate and promote the results and recommendations in the NDPHS countries.

Three Work Packages

- **WP 1: Compile and summarise the national situation in the NDPHS countries concerning the reporting of ER, OD & WRD.**
- **WP 2: Analyse the compiled material, develop recommendations and report on current situation**
- **WP 3: Disseminate and promote best practices and recommendations on the significance of prevention of OD & WRD in national context**

WP 1: Compilation and summarizing the national situation in the participating countries concerning reporting of emerging risks, occupational and work-related diseases (1)

- **Information** to be compiled:
 - lists of national legally defined occupational diseases
 - criteria for diagnostics and reporting
 - reporting methodology
- **Method to collect information** of occupational diseases: 3-5 pilot-countries (aligned to the exercise that OSH EG carried out in the Realloc project)
- **Surveys** in all countries
- **Estimates of work-related diseases** (attributability to work) will be based on an activity in a pilot country (Finland) “Effectiveness and indicators of occupational health activities” (which is currently going on)

WP 1: Compilation and summarizing the national situation in the participating countries concerning reporting of emerging risks, occupational and work-related diseases (2)

- Information concerning OD, WRD and ER: **Questionnaire** (to be developed by the service provider together with the OSH Expert Group).
- Questionnaire:
 - **Pre-tested** in some of the participating countries
 - **Corrections** on the basis of first analyses
 - **Final questionnaire survey** in all participating countries
 - **Second round of analysis** of replies: guidelines to develop recommendations and to describe best practices
- **Dissemination and promotion** in a national (multi-country) context

WP 2: Analyse the compiled material, develop recommendations and report on current situation

- **Analysis of recognition systems** in the NDPHS member countries to find “**common denominator list**” of emerging risks and occupational and work-related diseases (jointly by the service provider and the OSH EG member)
- **Selection of best practices** (participating countries’ experts/rapporteurs in collaboration with the OSH EG)
- **Dissemination and promotion** in a national (multi-country) context

WP 3: Disseminate and promote best practices and recommendations on the significance of prevention of OD & WRD in national context

- Promoting a better understanding of the significance of prevention of work-related diseases in the NDPHS area but also globally
- Recommendations must be:
 - In line with ILO practice on work-related diseases
 - In line with WHO and ICOH guidelines
 - In line with EU and EFTA recording definition.
- In connection with:
 - ILO world congress 2017
 - ICOH congress 2018
 - national seminars and conferences by OSH EG

Required Output

- **Study report**
- **Power-point presentation (in English)**
 - Results and recommendations

In-depth national analysis of report, common list of occupational diseases and recommendations for national policies on reporting and recording are tasks for national countries and are not part of the project work and results.

Tasks	TL	10 Rapporteurs	Total
TL drafts work plan, methodology and travel plan	1		1
Joint starting seminar in Finland - discuss work plan, methodology	1	10	11
Finalise work plan, methodology and travel plan	1		1
Draft report on the Joint starting seminar	1		1
Draft questionnaire	3		3
Pre-test questionnaire in pilot countries	1	3	4
Finalise questionnaire	2		2
OSH EG meeting 2016 (preparation, presence, reporting)	3	10	13
Roll-out questionnaire	2	7	9
Analyse/present country-based answers to survey questionnaire	10		10
Data collection	7	20	27
BSN meeting 9/2017 St.Petersburg (preparation, presence, reporting)	3	10	13
Develop estimation of the number of OD & WRD, guide 10-country process	19		19
Review process related to the 10 countries	3	20	23
Draft preliminary summary report outlining main findings	10		10
OSH EG meeting 2017 meeting (preparation, presence, reporting)	3	10	13
Draft recommendation on training/ education for occupational health physician	6		6
Rapporteurs' contribution to reporting/publications	8	10	18
Draft Research concept	5		5
Finalise all deliverable documents	5		5
Prepare presentation for the dissemination events	3		3
24th BSN meeting 9/2018 Riga (preparation, presence, reporting)	3	10	13
Participate at different dissemination events	4		4
Total	104	110	214

