

## **WG 1 meeting Novi Sad, March 21, 2019**

**Participants:** *Martina Jakob (Chair), Björn Hilt, Inger Johanne Sikkeland, Catherine Laurent, Barbara Tomaskiewicz, Mladenka Vujosevic, Joanna Makulska, Dusica Santa, Eleni Petridou and Peter Lundqvist (Co-chair & note-taker).*

Chair Martina Jakob opened the WG 1 meeting and since we had new people in WG 1, we also had a short round of individual presentations.

Presentation of results from our previous questionnaire was grouped together and presented by individual group members. Our Chair then collected the reports on a Web-page for further analysis.

In the European member countries several regulations regarding health and safety aspects apply to agriculture. Governmental responsibility related to this lies with the Labour Inspectorate, Health Service or an equivalent body. Please describe the system, problems and exemptions in your country by answering the following questions:

- **Question no 1:** Who is your national authority for occupational health and safety in agriculture? (*Catherine Laurent*)
- **Question no 2:** To whom do the health and safety regulations apply? (*Catherine Laurent*)

The existing health and safety regulations need to be observed/ controlled. We would like to know, who is taking care of this in your country.

- **Question no 3:** By what kind of inspections or other means are health and safety regulations enforced? (*Joanna Makulska*)
- **Question no 4:** Do such inspections cover farms? (*Inger Johanne Sikkeland*)
- **Question no 5:** Please describe, what happens, if someone on a farm has an accident and is seeking medical care. Is he or she treated by the public health system (as other accidents) or in a special manner? (*Sonja Srbininovska*)

In case of a fatal accident, who is informed?

Are there regulations, applying to farmers and employees in the same way or are there differences?

- **Question no 6:** If specific agricultural occupational health service is provided, how is it organized in your country? (*Björn Hildt*)
- **Question no 7:** Are national pension systems enabling retirement by normal retirement age (65 – 67)? (*Björn Hildt*)
- **Question no 8:** In case of an accident, a farmer or employee might need compensation. Is there an occupational accident insurance system (workers' compensation) provided? (*Mladenka Vujosevic*)

- **Question no 9:** Is there a farm relief worker system available for farmers to conduct necessary work? (*Peter Lundqvist*)
- **Question no 10:** Is there a coordinated national system with specific learning objectives and educational materials to teach health and safety as part of agricultural education? (*Peter Lundqvist*)
- **Question no 11:** Please list H&S initiatives you know in your country! Who did organize it? (*Martina Jakob*)

Discussion regarding publication of the results. The discussions involved the type of publication – a report or a paper and in what kind of journal etc. The decision was to organize a “paper-group” with Peter, Martina, Björn and others who want to participate. Peter was initially chosen to start this process. Please contact him for ideas and comments: [Peter.Lundqvist@slu.se](mailto:Peter.Lundqvist@slu.se)

The need for an extra WG1 meeting was discussed. The Chair of WG1 suggested that we ask for the possibilities to organize an extra WG1 meeting / work-shop and then maybe invite Kari Kjestveit, and maybe also Brit Logstein (PhD students from Norway both almost ready to present their thesis with importance for our focus of activities).

Peter has submitted an abstract to present the main findings of our survey as a poster at an ISSA conference in Cordoba, Spain with all WG1 members as co-authors.  
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*Notes taken by Peter*