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Why Sacurima COST Action work is needed in agriculture?

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Sacurima COST Action work is needed – because..

Agriculture is a major industry sector in the EU (Eurostat 2013):

- 10,838,290 holdings (farms)

Labour force, persons

- 20,199,360 Family labour
- 22,205,300 Regular labour force

Annual work units (AWU)

- 7,271,360 Family labour
- 8,731,620 Regular labour force

75 % family labour, much of it part time

Undocumented / vulnerable workers n=?

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Agriculture is a high-risk industry (Eurostat 2013):

- 366 fatalities
- 135,360 non-fatal injuries

Major under reporting problem:

- Example: Germany 76 fatalities, Poland 4, France 1
- **Reasons:**
 - Exclusion of self-employed farmers, by design (ESAW rules)
 - Poor national data collection; lack of social (accident) insurance systems, complex compensation schemes
 - Lack of uniform standards for recognizing, diagnosing and compensating occupational diseases

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Lack of coordination in prevention

- National approaches differ widely
 - Driven by regulatory, insurance, research, advisory, health, education or farm organizations
- Minimal EU-level coordination, especially for self-employed farmers
 - EU-OSHA active in protection of hired and vulnerable workers
 - EU approach to self-employed farmers: it's a national issue?
- Limited international information exchange
 - Nordic meetings; discipline-based international organisations
- No recognized training for Ag HS professionals

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Coordinated European approach can more effectively address common problems shared by all countries

- Multi-national research to generate evidence-based solutions
- Sharing experiences, programs, materials, campaigns, responses to emergencies (vs. re-inventing the wheel)

Sacurima COST Action brings:

- Participation from 33 countries, 107 members
- Multidisciplinary expertise in Ag HS
- Well recognized network with some ‘negotiation power’
- New energy and movement to change safety culture in agriculture

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