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A common legislative framework regarding Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) has been created since 1989 in the EU, starting with the framework Directive (89/391/EEC) and followed by subsequent single Directives. This legislation provides that employers ensure safety and health of workers and to have competent advice on these problems.

These requirements have been enacted in different forms into the national legislation of all member states, causing a lack of transparency and recognition of competences and qualifications for OSH managers and technicians. Some directives have already tackled these barriers to movement for professionals, but the progress in reaching agreement is slow, because the issues involved are often complex and the national and professional interests at stake are very strong. In order to tackle this situation, the International Social Security Association Section on Safety Training, has studied how these professionals are trained across Europe.

Since the adoption of the Lisbon Strategy in 2000, EU member states and the European Commission have strengthened their political cooperation in education and training policy. This has been done through the "Education and Training 2010" work programme launched in 2001 and its follow-up, the strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020) adopted by the Council in May 2009. The first objective of this strategic framework, "Making lifelong learning and mobility a reality", is addressed by this project. Within this context, the aim of the EUSAFE project is to

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develop a new professional qualification and training framework based on the already existing certification standards. The project will make use of the instruments created at EU level (ECVET and EQF) and the two voluntary certification standards (EurOSHM and EurOSHT), developed by the European Network of Safety and Health Professional Organisations (ENSHPO). The outcome will be a suitable range of standardized profiles (expected at EQF levels 4, 5 and 6) to cover the different levels of qualifications and roles of OSH professionals.

The project will produce country reports on OSH training, a new profile for OSH professionals with qualifications in units of learning outcomes based on the ECVET system and educational objectives, teaching plans and example teaching materials standardized at EU level.

The project will enable OSH professionals to achieve recognition of their competences and qualifications and increase their mobility. It will also create flexible instruments to validate, transfer and recognize learning results, ready to be transferred also for the other EU countries where the consortium members are not active.

A network of training centres, professionals and representatives from the education and academy world set up starting from the already existing ENSHPO and ENETOSH networks will have a positive impact in other countries not represented in the project consortium.



CONSORTIUM PRESENTATION



AIAS
ITALIAN ASSOCIATION OF SAFETY,
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS
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Founded in 1975, AIAS, the Italian Association of Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Professionals is the oldest association in Italy dealing with SHE protection and prevention.

Over 6,000 SHE practitioners from companies, institutions, public organisations and research institutes, as well as consultants, are members of the Association.

AIAS, an independent and no-profit institution, is aimed at improving, exchanging and circulating SHE culture, providing its members with any kinds of support: professional training, meetings, conferences, high-quality data-base, newsletters, technical magazines and practical aid on SHE questions.

Many AIAS members take active part in national, ministerial, regional, and local committees and working groups and in National Standardizing Organisations such as UNI (member of ISO and CEN) and CEI (member of CENELEC and IEC). AIAS, is the Italian partner of ENSHPO, IFAS and CFP-A-E.

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CYSHA
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The Cyprus Safety & Health Association (CySHA) was founded in 1991 in view of "contributing towards the efforts for protection and promotion of safety and health at work and to the prevention of risks concerning the public in general". Its 160 members are the OSH professionals of Cyprus working both in the private sector and the Labour Inspection Department. The Association is represented at two important advisory tripartite bodies for policymaking issues: at the Pancyprian Safety & Health Council and the Pancyprian Road Safety Council. CySHA's official magazine the "Safety & Health" is circulated every six months at 700 copies. It has its own Web Site at www.cysha.org.cy. CySHA signed a "Memorandums of Understanding" with the Institution of Occupational Safety & Health (IOSH) of UK and AIAS of Italy and has developed a collaboration with the Greek Association of Labour Inspectors and is a member of the European Network of Safety and Health Professional Organisations (ENSHPO).

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ENSHPO
EUROPEAN NETWORK OF SAFETY
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ENSHPO, established in 2001, represents about 50,000 Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) professionals through its European members organisations and aims to:

- provide a forum for OSH professional organisations that facilitates the exchange of information, experience and good practice on various topics, including:
- understanding the role and needs of the OSH professional in each country
- addressing global issues affecting OSH professionals
- training issues.
- advocate health and safety in the work environment.
- cooperate with relevant international stakeholders

ENSHPO launched EurOSHM (European Occupational Safety and Health Manager) in 2008, a voluntary European certification for OSH professionals. It is intended that this will eventually help achieve a common standard of health and safety practice throughout Europe and lead to easier recognition of equivalent qualifications across member states. EurOSHT (European Occupational Safety Health Technician) was also developed in 2009.

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IOSH
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IOSH is a worldwide body for OSH based in the UK with 37,000 members. It is a registered charity formed to promote safety in the workplace and its vision is to promote a world of work which is safe, healthy and sustainable.

IOSH is the guardian of professional standards and ensures that education and training are suitable to promote its overall aim.

IOSH holds a Royal Charter which allows its members to use the title Chartered which is recognition of a professional in the UK.

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SINERGIE
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SINERGIE is a non profit Training and Research Centre accredited by Regione Emilia-Romagna and MIUR (Ministry of Education University and Research).

It was founded in 2001 with the aim to foster knowledge and skills development in the field of education and RTD, in particular for the following sectors: ICT, Energy, Environment, Safety, Health.

Thanks to its experience in ICT sector SINERGIE developed an E-learning Platform through a Learning Content MNGT System which is used to deliver training modules.

Main activities of SINERGIE are:

- development and management of projects in the field of vocational training and higher education
- organisation, technical and financial administration of projects funded by private and public funds
- promotion of projects and events for stakeholders
- collaboration with local authorities, private and public entities in the field of RTD and education
- support to spin-off and new enterprise creation
- technological transfer and results dissemination.

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U.PORTO
UNIVERSITY OF PORTO
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The University of Porto (UPorto) with its 14 faculties and a management school is the largest higher institution in Portugal. With more than 28,000 students, a teaching staff approximately 2,200 and over 1,200 of other staff, is a popular HE Institution in Portugal.

The university has participated in several European projects and has made applied research in pedagogical issues, E-learning, learning outcomes and EQF. Its role in the project is to cooperate with other partners and transfer innovation and good practices for the academic community.

The university has also several dissemination workshops and seminars in the above topics. It has provided faculty support and promotion of good practices related to e-learning, distance learning and continuing education.

U.Porto has been investing in different areas, to provide the necessary infrastructures for the growth of the university in global terms.

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VDSI
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VDSI is the largest specialists' association in Germany in occupational safety, and health and environmental protection, encompassing also fire protection and hygiene in the workplace.

The main goal of the association is making workplace safe and healthy by permanently reducing hazards and stresses in the working environment. VDSI's membership includes engineers, scientists, technicians, tradesman foremen, doctors, psychologists and many other groups of professionals. VDSI has built up a highly effective network not only within its membership but also outside it.

VDSI is a recognised partner for industry and politics, given that VDSI experts are involved in important legislative drafting, and they are also active in employer's liability working circles.

VDSI cooperates at national and EU level with several associations and organisations being responsible for similar issues.

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