

News publication

Title	Safety in agriculture - the European research and information collected from farmers in West Region Romania.
Text	<p>Centre for Promoting Lifelong Learning in Timisoara is in full swing at the regional level with the project contribution to the development of social competence at work in agriculture, Health & Safety at Work.</p> <p>This project is funded by the LLP, Subprogram Leonardo da Vinci Transfer of Innovation component, supported by the National Agency of Spain. No. Project 2011-1, ES1-LEO05-36046_AN.</p> <p>This project aims to transfer the European level, the Spanish training on risk prevention at work in agriculture to educate farmers, people paid and self. The idea is based on the full transfer, adapting to a training program mixed in other countries (Poland, Romania and Bulgaria), characterized by a significant amount of jobs in agriculture, training deficiencies on risk prevention, high accident rate and volume of immigrants of these nationalities working in agriculture in Spain.</p> <p>A first step in developing the whole system of transfer to the participating countries was to make a research to find safety situation in agriculture and training needs. This research was coordinated by the Association of Regional Development Initiatives "Lacjum" (Arid Lacjum) Poland (www.lacjum.org).</p> <p>In Romania was managed by experts CPIP involving Union of Agricultural Producers (UPA), the organization representing farmers in Timis County (individuals and their associations). UPA-Timis has more than 39,200 members, holders of 152,500 hectares of arable land, divided into 120 farms, 45 companies, 250 family associations and professional associations 8. UPA is a member of the European agricultural organizations through the National Union of Agricultural Producers in Romania.</p>

The study lasted three months and involved a total of 600 direct respondent. Of these 62 were from Romania.

A portrait of the average European level respondents as follows:

- Age between 18 and 30
- Upper secondary education (vocational pathway)
- Live in rural areas with high levels of fragmentation, with farms of 1 ha or more than 10 ha
- Specify the predominant farm crops.

Average responses are:

- They have an idea of what is healthy and dependable in agriculture, but no specific knowledge domain.
- They have attended specific training but are interested to learn more.
- Although no specific knowledge declared, 74% said they were able to prevent risks arising in their farm. This contradiction is because there is no clear distinction between mandatory safety at any job on the one hand, and health and safety procedures specific to agricultural work on the other.
- Only 15% of respondents said they know the institutions / organizations that can provide training specialized on health and safety procedures specific to agricultural work.
- There is a discrepancy between what people say about their knowledge of safety in agriculture, and what they really know. This was evidenced by the fact that the majority said that the main source of work accidents with cars. Of European research in this field show that the really important moments and producing risk of accidents are those that work at height.



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The main conclusion in this study was that there is great need for specific training in agriculture on health and dependable, with specific rules in force.

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