SEE NETWORK ON WORKERS HEALTH
-one of the essentials in occupational health’s collaboration in the region

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(September 30- October 4, 2015 , Sibenik, Croatia
SEE COUNTRIES FACE ACTUAL EUROPE
-last two decades-

• Increasing need to:
  adapt policies, systems and services to the new political and socio-economic conditions

• Establishment of democracy and market economy - fundamental changes:
  principles of managing OH&S, development of new health and safety legislation and establishment of modern OHS

• Development of national policy and legislation and aligning to the requirement of the EU acquis communautaire

• Introduction of new mechanisms for social dialogue
SEE Network was established at the WHO International Workshop on “Strengthening Health System to address Occupational Health Risks in the South Eastern Europe”, organized by Institute of Occupational Health of RM, with the support of WHO EURO, in December 2006, in Skopje, Macedonia.
FIRST WHO SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP

“STRENGTHENING HEALTH SYSTEMS TO ADDRESS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH RISKS IN THE SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE”

(Skopje, December 18th-19th, 2006)

REGIONAL COOPERATION

INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION

Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Turkey
The first official picture
SEE Network on Workers Health

How we are

An international network of WHO CCs, Occupational Health institutes and WHO national focal points in South East Europe (SEE) collaborating with the WHO Regional Office for Europe

Participating countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Turkey
Mission

To work together in SEE region through international cooperation

Our goal

• to improve workers’ health and well-being contributing to better health for Europe

• to strengthen OH systems, policies and services

• to build human/institutional capacities
Our approach

- Sustainable framework for strengthening occupational health systems in the SEE Sub-region
- Forum for exchanging of information and knowledge
- Platform for transmitting and developing good practices and
- Basis for developing programmes for training and education of OH professionals
- Stimulation for joint bilateral and multilateral projects
- Opportunity for a best possible using of resources available
Development
Milestone events
Meetings

- First SEE Network Meeting, Skopje, 2006.
- 6th SEE Network Meeting, Groznjan, 2010. 7th SEE Network Meeting, Tirana, 2010
- First South East Europe Workplace Academy- SEEWA, Zagreb, 2011
- 8th SEE Network Meeting, Istanbul, 2011
- 9th SEE network meeting, Bucharest, 2012
- 10th Jubilee SEE network meeting, Belgrade, 2015
SEE Network Meetings – Main Topics

- National Strategies and National Action Plans - GPA, Priority 1.1.; GMP, Global product 4.3
- Country profiles in OH&S - GPA, Priority 1.1.; GMP, Global product 4.3, EUR Regional Product 4.4
- Basic Occupational Health Services - GPA, Priority 3.1, GMP, Global product 4.1
- Education and training in OH&S - GPA, Priority 3.2., GMP, Global product 4.2
- Health Workers - GPA, Priority 1.4.; GMP, EUR Regional Product 2.9
- Agricultural workers and OHS - GPA, Priority 5.3., GMP, Global product 7.3
- Vulnerable workers - GPA, Priority 5.2, 5.3., GMP, Global product 7.2
- Elimination of ARD - GPA, Priority 1.3., GMP, EUR Regional Product 1.4.

- Global Master Plan (GMP) for implementing the Global Plan of Action on Workers' Health 2012-2017, 2012
Key achievements

- Implementation of WHO Global Plan of Action on Workers’ Health in WHO/Europe region

- Instrumental in the formulation and implementation of the BCA activities (MoH-WHO EURO) in the area of occupational health in Albania, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey
International recognition

- **Fifth Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health,**
  **Social inequalities in occupational health**
  **(Side event)**
  Parma, Italy, March 10-12, 2010

- **Third International Congress on Rural Health in Mediterranean and Balkan Countries,**
  **Seventh SEE Network on Workers’ Health Meeting**
  Tirana, Albania, September 22-25, 2010

- **Joint meeting of the WHO Collaborating Centres (CCs) for OH and the (NFPs) to support an implementation of the GPA in the European Region European Network for Workers’ Health (ENWH) as an umbrella for the various contributing networks (SEEN)**
  Bonn, Germany, 6-8 December 2010

- **OH&S FORUM, 2011**
  **International Forum on Occupational Health and Safety: Policies, Profiles and Services**
  Helsinki, Finland, June 20-22, 2011
  **SEE Network on Workers’ Health - presentation**

- **XIX World Congress on Safety and Health at Work,**
  **8th Meeting of the South East European Network on Workers’ Health**
  **A side event “Basic occupational health services for vulnerable groups in SEE countries SEE Network’s Endeavors for Workers Health“ Istanbul, Turkey, September, 2011**

- **30th International Congress on Occupational Health,**
  **Special session 08-Current Challenges in Occupational Health and Safety in Europe**
  March 18-23, 2012, Cancun, Mexico
  **VII. International Conference on Occupational Health and Safety, Health (SEENWH) Round table, “Universal health workers with OHS-challenges and opportunities. Where is the SEE region in this process?“ Istanbul, Turkey 4th May, 2014**
Recommendations for the strengthening of OH systems in the SEE countries:

- Prioritize workers’ health at policy-making level, develop legal basis for OH System with sustainable financing
- Establish/strengthen the national OH institutes, support the capacity building / human resources
- Promote public health approach to OH through stronger collaboration between health and labour sectors
- Implement BOHS concept for vulnerable groups
- Improve OH information system
- Stimulate national and international partnership
Bucharest Statement

We SEENWH members commit ourselves to work in collaboration within the SEENWH and with support of WHO in following topics related to GPA:

- Development and expansion of occupational health services infrastructures
- Development of institutional structures, facilities, financing and staff
- Development of human resources for OHS and upgrading the competences and capacities
- Developing projects for OHS and interventions for underserved and vulnerable groups
- Development of national systems for OH information
- Preparation of national asbestos profiles and development of national programmes for elimination of ARD
- Development of programmes for OH of health workers
- Developing projects for practical research on emerging risks including the impact of climate changes and extreme weather

9th SEE network Meeting, July, 2012, Bucharest, Romania
Programmes for training and education of OH professionals

SEEEWA (Southeast Europe Workplace Academy)
hosted by the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health, WHO CC, SPH “Andrija Stampar” Medical Faculty, Zagreb, Croatia

• FIRST SOUTH EAST EUROPE WORKPLACE ACADEMY – SEEWA 2011
  HEALTHY WORKPLACES FOR HEALTH WORKERS
  Zagreb, Croatia, June 27 to July 2, 2011

• SECOND SOUTH EAST EUROPE WORKPLACE ACADEMY - SEEWA 2013
  TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF ASBESTOS –RELATED DISEASES IN SOUTH-EAST EUROPE
  Belgrade, Serbia, 19-20 June, 2013
WHO publications


• Report of the National workshop on occupational health services for vulnerable workers and the fourth meeting of the South-eastern European (SEE) Network on Workers’ Health, 24th -25th November, 2008


• Situation analysis and recommendations for occupational health systems in the South East Europe, Report of the Fifth meeting of the South-eastern European (SEE) Network on Workers’ Health, Podgorica, Republic of Montenegro, 1th December 2009.

• Report on Mission SEE Area 23.6.-4.7.2009, Prof. Jorma Rantanen

• Interim second report on social determinants of health and the health divide in the WHO European Region, WHO EURO, 2 August, 2011 EUR/RC61/Inf.Doc /5
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SWOT analysis

- **Strengths** - Experts’ knowledge, excellent professional experience, dedication, common roots - common goals, EU directions, WHO EURO support
- **Weaknesses** - No regular funds for financing
- **Opportunities** - Bilateral and multilateral collaboration, Research capacities, Human resources, exchanging of information and knowledge, development of educational programs, BCA (WHO EURO-Ministry of Health)
- **Threats** - SEE Network is experts network, implementation’s issue, sustainability

How to overcame the gaps? How to achieve the goal?
South East European Network on Workers Health

COLLABORATION

WHO EURO-SUPPORT
WHO Global and European WHO CCs Network

Memorandum of Understanding

• South-Eastern European Health Network

• Baltic Sea Network on Occupational Health and Safety

How to make the bridge?
Issues of common interest

further development of regional cooperation in the field
opening new opportunities in implementation of joint activities
promoting the WHO and ILO goals
BSN Twentieth Annual Meeting-Vilnius, Lithuania
15-16 September, 2014

34th Plenary of the SEEHN-Skopje, Macedonia
19-20 November, 2014

10th Anniversary SEENWH Meeting and the most important Asbestos Workshop, including preparation of the OH input to the MTR Meeting in Haifa, 28-29 April, 2015 and production of the Belgrade Statement.
The members of SEENWH are committed to promote global ban of all forms of asbestos and stimulate activities for elimination of ARDs in SEE Region and Europe.
The development in the SEE Network

- continuity
- visibility
- sustainability
- partnership
- social capital

Added value-partners, neighbours, friends, trust

Whereas physical capital refers to physical objects and human capital refers to the properties of individuals, social capital refers to connections among individuals – social networks and the norms of reciprocity and trustworthiness that arise from them.

Making Democracy Work, Robert Putnam, 2000
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