The Realocc Accidents project 2013-2015

Reliable Occupational Accident Registration - Indicator for Prevention

Summary of the survey

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The aim of the project

- Provide sufficient background information on existing situation regarding occupational accidents at workplaces and develop a larger scale project in the Baltic Sea OSH network
• Short qualitative survey with questions about surveillance systems, data collection agencies, levels of underreporting, evaluation of underreporting and perspectives on improving surveillance systems.

• Countries participating:

Norway, Sweden, Finland, Latvia and Estonia
The questions asked in the survey

1. Please explain your official surveillance system / systems (data gathering, analysis and reporting) for fatal and non-fatal injuries caused by accidents and violence at work in brief.

2. Are workers in all sectors included in the reporting system?

3. Is there underreporting of fatal and non-fatal injuries? Are there any research studies, evaluations that have addressed this issue?

4. What may be the causes of underreporting and the reason for such low numbers of injuries?

5. How could you improve the reporting of injuries? Are there any other sources of data that could be useful for better surveillance?
Results from the survey:

– Fatal injury data seems to be mostly complete
– Underreporting of non-fatal injuries is a problem
– Private or social insurance system?
– Underreporting can be attributed to several factors
– There is a need for better legislation to cover «all types of workes».
– More information and awareness about reporting requirements
– Coordination with relevant national agencies
The report from the project will be published on BSN/NDPHS website.