

Focus on IAG's work

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Consulting on the establishment of a course of study on prevention and employability in Turkey

Problem

Increasing numbers of individuals insured by the German Social Accident Insurance Institutions now work in transnational companies with global reach. Work equipment is also often manufactured worldwide. In view of this, the German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV) is committed to prevention activity in an international context. Since 2008, the Institute for Work and Health of the DGUV (IAG) has been cooperating with the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of the Republic of Turkey within the framework of a partnership agreement. The objectives of this joint activity are:

- Networking for the purpose of pooling expertise
- Conducting of further training programmes and activities in order to improve the skills of management and teaching personnel
- Research collaboration

Activities

Since 2019, the IAG has been consulting with the Turkish Directorate General of Occupational Health and Safety on the creation of a course of study. Over the next two years, consulting will take the form of coaching sessions, web conferences and mutual exchange visits, flanked by further training on particular specialist topics.



Workshop in Istanbul in June 2019

The curriculum of the course is based on the "Prevention and employability" course of study established in Germany at the Bonn-Rhine-Sieg University of Applied Sciences. The students acquire sound knowledge of the course's five subject areas:

- Principles and concepts in prevention
- Prevention at work
- Instruments and methods
- Human resources and organizational development
- Information/communication in prevention

This modular system will be adapted to the training system in Turkey. At the request of the Turkish partner body, emphasis is to be placed on safety in traffic and construction.

The expertise required for the training course is to be provided by representatives of the German Social Accident Insurance Institution for the building trade (BG BAU) and the German Road Safety Council (DVR). Further key points are new forms of work and prevention in the context of digitalization, and the international Vision Zero strategy.

In the next step, the Turkish working group will develop a curriculum with the IAG's support and submit it to the national committees for approval.

The activities and results are to be presented at the 10th International Occupational Safety and Health Congress in Istanbul in May 2020.

Results and use

The activities are to lead to a course of study in Turkey that will comply with the European reference framework for qualifications and end with awarding of a certificate of further education.

Through its consulting activity, the IAG is contributing to inter-university cooperation at international level in the field of prevention. Improved access to training will promote safety and health at work in Turkey and raise standards in the future. National and international experts will benefit as a result.

Exchanges of German and Turkish experts also contribute to the global transfer of knowledge. Networking and cooperation are enhanced by the joint activities with the BG BAU and DVR.

Future consulting projects will benefit from the experience gained by the IAG in the course of the project. In particular, a course of study similar in structure and content is conceivable in the Pakistan project currently being conducted by the DGUV and the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).

The exchange of knowledge will generate valuable input for training work in Germany.

User group

The course of study is intended for persons working in the field of prevention and job security in companies in Turkey.

The prospect also exists for students at the Bonn-Rhine-Sieg University of Applied Sciences to benefit from the envisaged international university cooperation in the future, for example through formally recognized exchange programmes.

Further information

- Website of the Bonn-Rhine-Sieg University of Applied Sciences on the [course in prevention and employability](#)
- Website of the [10th International Congress on Occupational Safety and Health](#)

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- Concerning the consulting project: IAG, Corporate cooperation and training section
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