

Risk assessment - barriers in EU standards implementation in Polish Enterprises

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Abstract

The paper presents a variety of aspects selected from a study carried out among 2000 economic entities, within the confines of a project “Evaluation and Assessment of Adaptation in Lodz Enterprises and among Health and Safety Personnel to the Changes in Regulations and Market Demands “, financed by the EU. The project was a specific diagnosis of the state of awareness of Polish entrepreneurs as regards widely understood occupational health and safety issues. The research was based on an expert-designed questionnaire. Reaching the European standards concerning, among others, occupational risk assessment carried out in a professional and credible way, as study shows, by no means a priority to a significant number of Polish entrepreneurs. The analysis of to what degree the employers obey the formal and legal work health and safety requirements, along with the barriers and problems they encounter, became the subject of the following study.