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Pest Practice is transferring the innovative “Advanced qualification training Health & Safety including Occupational Health Management in SME” curriculum for trainers as developed by EU co-funded project LABITAS.

Labitas* is a Transfer of Innovation project with partners from Germany, Ireland and Austria. The main objective is to develop a qualification concept for an advanced training in both, health & safety management and occupational health management (OHM). Important preliminary work has been done by the German

NOAH project (Need Oriented Advanced Health & safety management in crafts) which was funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. This work is the base on which now can be built on.

Main target of the project is to raise awareness on implementation of national health & safety directives in enterprises with less than 10 employees in practice, small medium enterprises (SME). Furthermore aspects of an occupational health management are often not enough considered in enterprises of this size. Part of the Labitas project is to offer advanced qualification training “Health & safety and occupational health management in SME”.

Based on these empiric results, extensive research and interviews with experts a curriculum has been developed for trainers as a manual for the advanced training of employers. This curriculum constitutes the groundwork for the formation of Pest Practice training courses.

A Pest Control company must have as main priority the safety of the public, the environment and their employees. The objective of “Safety at work” is to avoid work accidents and job-related diseases. Safety at work is determined to concrete hazards. If hazards are unavoidable additional safety measurements occur such as personal protective equipment (PPE). When PPE is not enough to avoid hazards operating processes have to be eliminated in particular. According to this safety at work is a strongly administrative and regulation oriented issue which reach its limits at the attendance of the employees to participate. If they take risks or if they evade mandatory safety measurements (e.g. to accelerate working processes) safety at work is to suffer the loss of effectiveness.

For more information you may visit <http://www.labitas.eu/EN/>.

* *Labitas* is an acronym derived from the latin words “Labor”(labour) and “Sanitas” (health).



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