

ROMANIA

- The National Research & Development Institute on Occupational Safety – INCDPM “Alexandru Darabont” – Bucharest, Romania. www.inpm.ro
- R&D entity on OHS in Romania
- Under the coordination of the Ministry of Labour, Family and Equal Opportunities (www.mssf.ro) and the Ministry of Education and Research (www.edu.ro) i.e. the National Authority for Scientific Research (ANCS)

- **Close collaboration relationships with:**
 - **Ministry of Environment**
 - **Ministry of Public Health**
 - **Public Health Institute of Bucharest**
 - **Labour Inspection and Territorial Labour Inspectorates**
 - **SMEs**
 - **Public&private bodies on environmental issues**
 - **Ownership & trade-union organizations, etc.**

■ **INCDPM is a policy maker on OHS and environmental matters, through:**

- participation in the elaboration of the national strategies in the area
- substantiation of the major directions of development, closely correlated with the European strategies and provisions
- contribution at the "Equality of Chances" programme run out by the Ministry of Labour, Family and Equal Opportunities
- INCDPM includes the Romanian CIS-ILO service

- **CIS Romanian National Centre started its activity in 1966**
- **CIS Romania has been an important international source of information in the safety and health at work area**
- **CIS Romania has developed a number of studies and projects in the safety and health at work area under ILO coordination**
- **CIS Romania has been an active participant in the CIS-ILO annual meetings.**

■ **INCDPM Organizational structure:**

- **Four R&D Departments:**
 - **Work System Department;**
 - **Environmental and Working Environment Department;**
 - **Machines Department;**
 - **Personal Protective Equipment Department**
with 11 specialized laboratories
- **Training and Forming Centre**
- **Certification Body**
- **International Relations Department**
- **Public Relations**
- **Documentation and Editing Office**

Human resources:

- 122 employees
- 92 are directly involved in the R&D activity
- 57 researchers, out of which 35 are women-researchers
- 11 Ph D researches, 13 Ph D pending researchers and a significant number with MDs or attending post-doctoral studies
- quality of the personnel qualification constitutes a solid base thus enabling the institute to carry out highly specialized research works and international partnership projects
- the personnel educational profile covers a wide range of specialities such as engineers, chemists, physicists, biologists, physicians, jurists, psychologists.

- INCDPM has been permanently concerned in getting national, European and international recognition related to the research activities it develops and the certificates issued
- In 2006, INCDPM was awarded the certificate with the Registration Number RO - 4674 for implementing and maintaining the Quality Management System by IQNet and SRAC in accordance with ISO 9001:2000. This certificate was issued for fundamental research activities, applicative research activities and the provision of services and products in the physical, natural, social sciences and liberal arts field

- **ICSPM Certification Body has been notified by the European Commission for the implementation of the certification procedures i.e. for machines and safety components and for PPEs, with 1805 identification number assigned by the European Commission. Therefore, the certificates issued by ICSPM – CS are recognized all over Europe**

- In terms of accreditation, the Personal Protective Equipment Laboratory, the Chemical Risk Laboratory and the Noise & Vibration Laboratory are accredited and in course of accreditation, respectively

- Since 2001, INCDPM is hosting the Romanian Focal Point of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work from Bilbao, Spain, thus contributing at the collection and dissemination of OHS data based on the tripartite principle i.e. government-ownership organizations-trade union bodies partnership
- Three EU projects were carried out under the EASHW coordination during 2003-2006. The most relevant was the Phare Project "Topic Centre – Good Practices for Candidate Countries" (2003-2004) where INCDPM was Task Leader for Dangerous Substances in terms of: EU project management, creating and developing relationships, and team building with specialized institutions from Poland (CIOP-PIB), Bulgaria, Hungary, the Czech Republic, the Baltic countries, etc., the management of new software tools for information exchange e.g. setting up of databases, collecting information from the MS' websites and dissemination of information via newly created national sites, etc.

- **Given its position in between the central and local authorities in the field, on one hand, and the enterprises of various sizes, on the other hand, INCDPM contributed at the implementation of management systems of OHS and environment for a series of big-sized organizations e.g. Coca-Cola, OMV-Petrom but also for a significant number of SMEs of different economic branches**

- INCDPM represents *the major former in Romania in terms of harmonizing the OHS legislation and the development of adjacent activities for the creation of competent personnel for implementation purpose through training courses, editing of manuals, guides, brochures, legislative literature on OHS, toxicological sheets, bulletins, etc. Guides were drawn up e.g. for chemical agents, physical agents, biological agents and asbestos*

- The institute is also involved in *standardization work* in the area i.e. numerous researchers develop their activity within various Technical Committees of standardization under the umbrella of ASRO (the Romanian Standardization Association)

- As a result of the scientific and applicative research work developed, a large number of *patented technical solutions* has been identified both on OHS and environment i.e. environmental issues and working environment, too. They focused on air pollution (indoor and environmental air pollution), the management of wastes, including special wastes such as organic solvents, heavy metals, dusts, nitrous oxides, carbon oxides, sulphur oxides, etc.
- A *constant international recognition* was given to a large number of these technical solutions such as medals and awards obtained at outstanding international fairs and exhibitions

Other relevant international projects

INCDPM participated in:

- **2002-2003 Phare Project on the "Evaluation of Health and Safety at Work in the Candidate Countries and the Implementation of the Frame-Directive on OHS 391/89/EEC" coordinated by Eurogip (France) upon the order of the European Commission**
- **2003-2006 "International Network for the Development of Process Safety", Growth Programme coordinated by Riso National Laboratory (Risoe.Sad) of Denmark**
- **2004-2006 "Sustainable Professional Initiation and Formation for Disabled Persons", Leonardo da Vinci Programme**
- **2004-2006 "Creation and Implementation of An Insurance System Against Work Accidents and Occupational Diseases" within Phare Programme RO 2002/005-586.04.05.01 TACIS WAOD**

- *The expertise* proven by the INCDPM's specialists in the above given areas alongside with *the tradition* acquired during more than 50 years of activity recommend the institute as a valuable partner for international projects covering a wide range of activities
- More specifically, in terms of the *Target Partner Countries* considered in your list, we are suggesting the partnership with the countries of the *Eastern Europe & Central Asia (EECA)*, *particularly with Moldavia*. Besides the geographical proximity with many of them, we do also have a common history in the past 50 years reflected in similar socio-economic problems they have to cope with even now. Moreover, as far as Moldavia is concerned, the similar language and the geographical proximity represents an asset
- Turkey recently became a partner of INCDPM and it may start being a partner in our common projects, too