

# Meeting of authorized organisations

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At the meeting of authorized organizations held at the Hotel Terminus, in Podgorica, on March 25, 2010, the representatives singled out several key problems they face in doing business.

Unfair competition is cited as one of the business problems of authorized organizations. The provision of all types of services by authorized that do not have the authority to do so is a kind of danger from the OSH aspect. This kind of business further results in making one science meaningless.



There are over 40 authorized organizations in Montenegro, over 500 persons who have passed the Certified Safety Professional (CSP), and only 200 of them are experts. It is assumed that only 1/3 of them work in OSH field. The participants of the meeting agreed that quality can be obtained from quantity through selection, which is a positive thing in all of this.

It was stated that an increasing number of safety managers are appearing in the market, who are creating certain rulebooks which no one is signing, and that is a significant problem. The SWAM did not insist on revoking someone's license in such situations, which could / should change in the future. Therefore, the members of the SWAM must agree to stop this type of unfair competition. Accordingly, the SWAM will take certain actions in the coming period in order to stop it.

The main objectives of the SWAM were presented and stated:

- Zero tolerance – as a facilitation of the work of authorized organisations,
- Raising the culture of work,
- Raising the quality of work of authorized organisations (because they are the most responsible for the quality of safety at work),
- Organizing National Councils (only Montenegro and Albania do not have it).



The members of the SWAM also expressed their desire and liking to include each authorized organization in a working group. In the following period, commissions will be formed in which each authorized organization will have one or two representatives.

Problems of authorized organizations also lie in: court proceedings, incompetent experts, untrained judges in the field of OSH. It was announced that the President of the SWAM, Zdenko Janković, will in the coming period hold a conversation with the President of the Association of Court Experts of Montenegro on the topic of how select experts; but also checks the validity of experts who have not worked on a case for years.

The issue of the official Rulebook on Authorized Organisations (which is 16 years old), was also raised, and it was agreed that the SWAM would launch an initiative to change it.

The issue of line ministries not owning the Risk Assessment Acts and completely lacking in OSH experts will also be discussed in the next period.