



# Risk assessment in the EU and OiRA

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# Who we are

One of more than 40 **EU agencies**

Governed by **European law**

Founded in **1996**

Mostly **financed** from the general EU budget

Independent in the execution of its **mission/tasks**

**A tripartite network organisation**, closely linked to EU actors and national networks through the national focal points

**Focal points** in all EU Member States, EFTA and candidate countries



# What we do

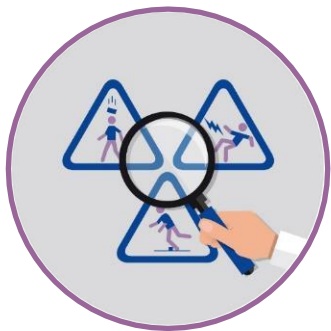
## EU-OSHA priority areas and activities Multi-annual Strategic Programme 2018-2023

### ...and what we don't do:

- X Make legislation
- X Formulate strategies
- X Inspect workplaces
- X Enforce the law



# Risk Assessment



Directive 89/391/EEC -  
OSH 'Framework  
Directive'



All hazards and risks, workers,  
workplaces, employers



# Risk Assessment

- **The hierarchy of prevention**

- ✓ **Avoid & eliminate risks**

- ✓ **Reduce and minimise hazards AND separate from the workers**

- by technical measures;
- by organisational measures;
- by personal measures.

- ✓ **Improve safety behaviour**

# OiRA tools (online interactive risk assessment)



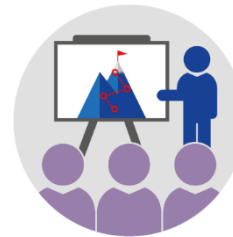
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**Software +**

# OiRA tools consist of:

- **Risk identification structured by:**

- Modules (e.g. OSH Management, different specific áreas depending on the sector/topic)
- Risk statements

- **Action plan development**

- Pre-defined solutions and/or tailor-made solutions

- **Documentation possibilities:**

- different report formats – downloadable/printable

- **OiRA tools aim to facilitate the risk assessment process**

- **Target group: SME**

- **OiRA is very well suited to prompt micro and small companies to carry out a risk assessment**

- **Pedagogic dimensión of the OiRA tools**

# The origin of OiRA

Stakeholder request  
to EU-OSHA



The RIE tool



<http://www.rie.nl>



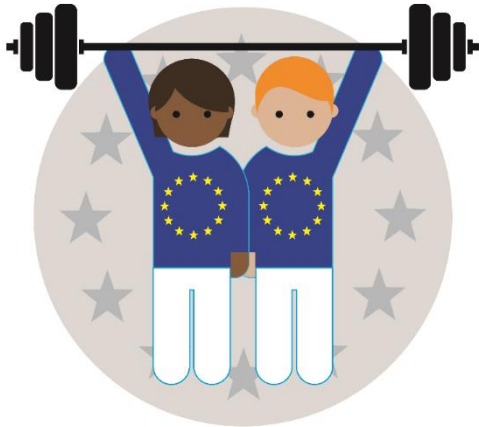
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## Partners

## EU tools

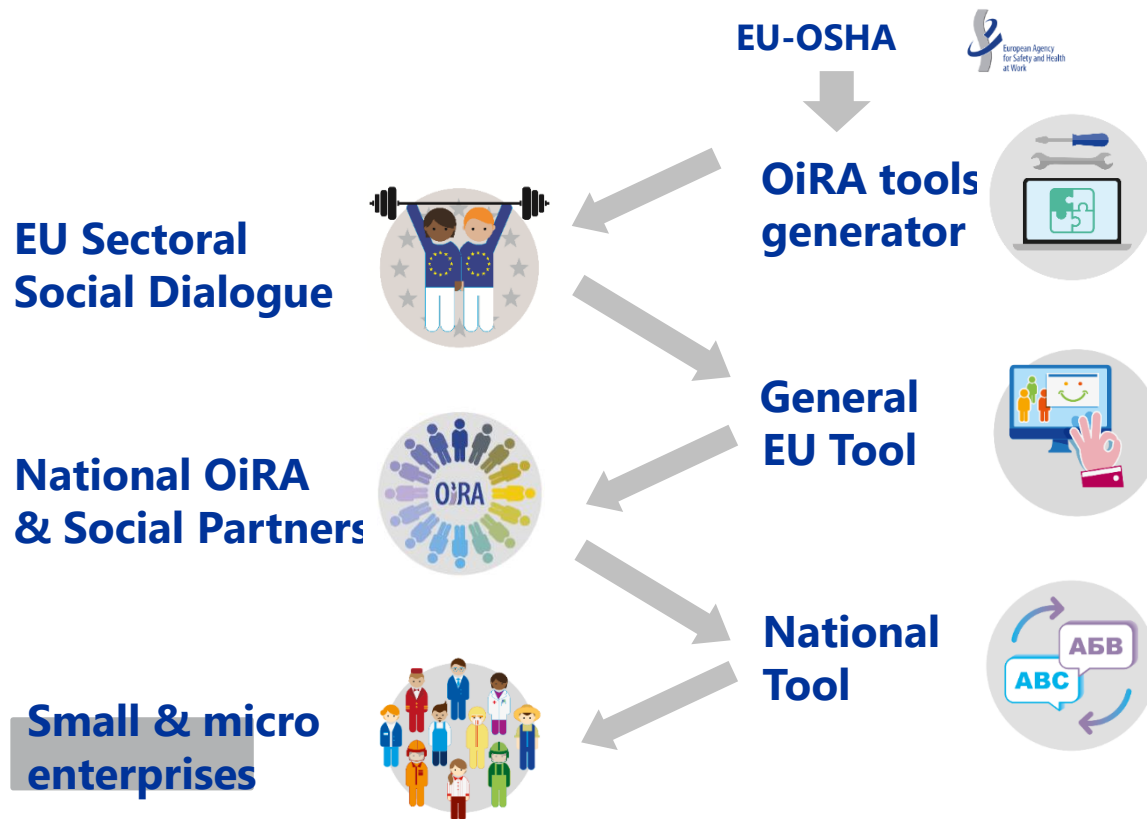


- **EU SSD tools**
- **EU-OSHA tools**
- **others**

# National Tools



# Cooperation at EU level with EU Social Partners



# EU Sectoral Social Dialogue partners – classic approach

- Agriculture
  - Audiovisual
  - Education: early childhood and secondary education
  - HORECA
  - Hairdressers
  - Cleaning
  - Leather and tanning
  - Live performance
  - Private security
  - Sport
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- 2023/2024: development of an OiRA tool for higher education sector

# National Adaptation of the EU - OiRA tools – key factors

- EU OiRA tool is a “model” tool, needs adaptation at national level
- Translation into national language
- Adaptation of legal references to national level
- Adaptation to other national specificities and practices
- Add or change solutions adapted to national or regional level if the national or regional level requires more than the European level
- Adaptation takes place in cooperation with the national OiRA partner or at the request of the national social partners  
<https://oiraproject.eu/en/eu-national-partners>
- Optional modules can be skipped if not applicable in a country or for a specific sector
- Maintenance: All tools have also to be updated latest every 3 years

# Recent additional EU tool developments

- Recent additional developments at EU-OSHA's initiative without EU social partner involvement:
  - EU Covid-19 OiRA tool
  - EU Generic tool
  - EU third-party violence tool
  - EU teleworking tool
  - Tools/modules of the tools to be integrated into EU sectoral OiRA tools or national OiRA tools – adaptation to specific sectors.
  - But still the priority is on sectoral tools with sectoral EU social partner involvement through a steering committee: nominations of experts by EU social partners – EU social partners are the owners of the content of their sectoral tools!

# EU Third-Party Violence OiRA tool

- **Content is currently being developed**
- **To be integrated into sectoral EU OiRA tools or national OiRA tools**
- **Adaptation to the specific needs of the sector**
- **Tool will be published in Q2 2023**
- **Content will be structured:**
  - **Module 1 - Approach/framework regarding third-party violence**
  - **Module 2 - Preventive measures**
  - **Module 3 - Post-incident procedures**

# OiRA partners at national level

**Belgium**



**Greece**



**Portugal**



**Bulgaria**



**Iceland**



**Slovakia**



**Cyprus**



**Italy**



**Slovenia**



**Czech Republic**



**Latvia**



**Spain/  
Cataluña**



**France**



**Lithuania**



**Croatia**



**Finland**



**Malta**



# OiRA in strategies and legislation

## OiRA in the EU strategic frameworks

## OiRA in national strategies

- 9 partner countries have an explicit reference to OiRA
- 3 partner countries have a general reference to online RA tools

## OiRA in legislation

- In Italy OiRA is mentioned in the national legislation

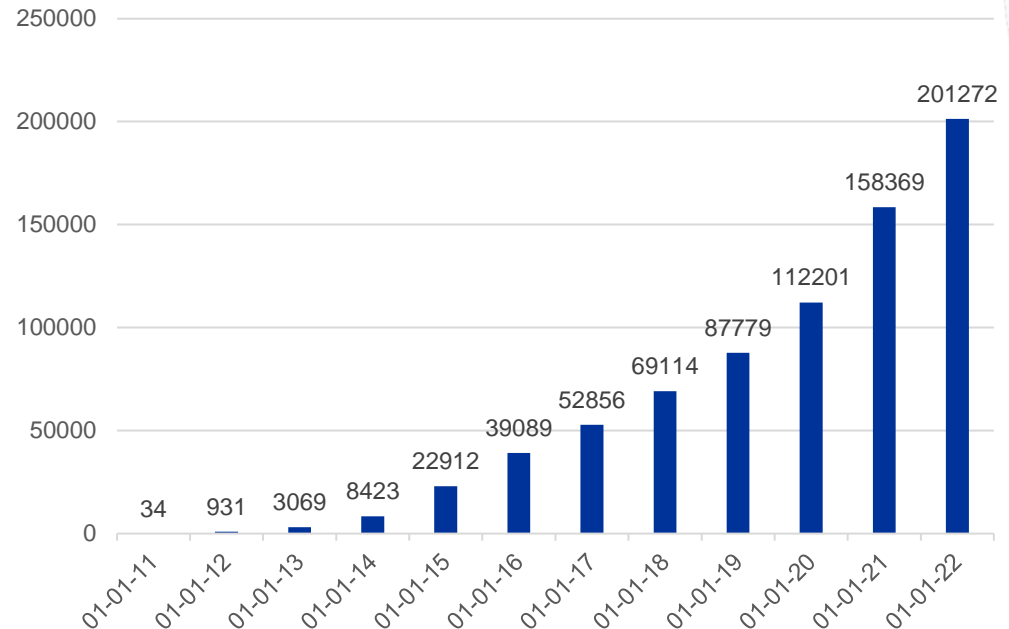




# OiRA in figures – 2022

- **327 OiRA tools are online**
- **More than 70 tools are under development**
- **More than 156 000 registered users**
- **More than 258 000 risk assessments have been carried out**

Accumulated assessments over time



# The importance of promotion

- **Tool development alone** does not lead to good use of the tool
- Taking promotion into account **from the very beginning** is important
- **Active social partner commitment** assures better acceptance of tools and higher user figures
- **Constant promotion** is needed for assuring a good uptake



# French OiRA tools

- Use of a **large network of different actors** allows for widespread promotion of the tools (INRS, Social Security, sectoral social partners).
- **Targeted promotion** of the tools: national postal campaign to promote the restaurants tool all restaurants were sent an invitation to use the tool.
- Sector-specific webinars, advertisements on social media and in the press (CEOs) .
- **COVID-19**: completion of the OiRA tool allowed SMEs to access support for buying specific materials such as facemasks, alcohol hand sanitiser etc.

## ▪ *Example: Restaurants tool*

- *The restaurants tool is one of the most successful French OiRA tools and one of the oldest. It was first published in 2014, with an updated hotels and restaurants tool launched in 2018. These two tools have received a combined total of 28,185 users and 34,271 assessments since 2014. This equates to approximately one quarter of restaurants in France.*
- Full case study available at: <https://oiraproject.eu/en/oiraproject-france>

The screenshot shows the OIRA Tools webpage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following links: Home, What's new, Risk assessment, Micro and Small Enterprises, OIRA and Tools, Partners, and Promotional resources. A red arrow points to the 'OIRA and Tools' link. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'OIRA Tools'. The main content area contains a search bar and a list of tools. The first tool listed is 'Agriculture', which is dated 07/03/2022 and is categorized under 'Agriculture, forestry & fishing', 'EU level', and 'English'. The second tool listed is 'Agriculture', dated 01/03/2022. The left sidebar contains a search bar and a list of countries with the number of tools available for each: Belgium (27), Bulgaria (40), Croatia (5), Cyprus (11), Czech Republic (12), EU level (18), Finland (5), France (41), Greece (14), and Iceland (5).

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## OIRA Tools

The OIRA sectoral tools provided here are to enable micro and small enterprises to carry out risk assessments. The tools are free to download and can be easily accessed by clicking on the relevant link. Each link is accompanied by a short description of the tool and the name of the OIRA partner who developed it. Tools can be searched by country, language and sector.


Search

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Agriculture, forestry & fishing EU level English

### Agriculture

01/03/2022

Access the tool



# Thank you!

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