

METHODOLOGICAL GUIDE FOR THE PREVENTION OF RISK RELATED TO EXPOSURE TO CHEMICALS

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The Guide which is part of the Phare RO/99/IBOT/01 project, in co-operation with INRS-France, aims to help OHS specialists in conceiving a protection system for workers exposed to noxae at the work place and to provide other interested parties, i.e. employers, worker representatives, with useful information on safe and healthy issues.

Considering its large addressability the guide has been developed in a user - friendly way with lots of pictures, examples, schemes and references to day to day data .The guide also covers the main elements of national legislation regarding chemicals and a parallel to EU regulations.

After consolidating basic knowledge the guide presents a methodology for chemical risk prevention, starting with general principles, proposing steps to be taken, as well as a hierarchy of prevention measures in accordance with EU Directives provisions. Types of prevention measures and examples for each type are discussed in the last part of the guide..

