



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA
MINISTRY OF LABOUR, FAMILY
SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES



Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
invites you to a webinar

"Preventing Occupational Cancer"

Zoom videoconferencing platform

Wednesday, 28 May 2025, 13.30-15.45

No registration fee. Participation in the seminar is free of charge.

The seminar will be held in Slovenian and English.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

The number of participants is limited. Advance registration is required.

Registrations are invited until Monday, 26 May 2025 or until places are filled.

The Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities will send
confirmation of attendance to participants by e-mail at a later date.

In accordance with the Regulation on Continuing Professional Training in Occupational Safety and Health (Official Journal of the Republic of Slovenia, Nos. 78/19 and 164/20), the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities will award **5 points to occupational safety professionals for attending the seminar.**



Zdravo delovno okolje

Programme of the webinar " Preventing Occupational Cancer "

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13.30-13.35	Introductory remarks by the moderator <i>Vida PETROVČIČ, journalist</i>
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13.35-13.40	Introductory speech <i>Petra BECHIBANI, Secretary</i> <i>Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities</i>
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13.40-14.10	Occupational cancers <i>Prof Dr Alenka FRANKO, MD, specialist occupational, traffic and sports medicine</i> <i>University Medical Centre Ljubljana, Clinical Institute of Occupational, Traffic and Sports Medicine</i>
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14.10-14.20	Discussion
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14.20-14.50	Findings of the Workers' Exposure Survey <i>Marine CAVET, Survey Manager</i> <i>European Agency for Safety and Health at Work</i>
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14.50-15.00	Discussion
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15.00-15.05	Active break <i>Janja RAK, kinesiologist and occupational therapist</i> <i>ZAP FITCORP / Occupational, transport and sports medicine</i>
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15.05-15.30	Inspection of workers' exposure to cancer risk factors: workplace safety in practice <i>Dr Lidija KORAT, Head of the Regional Unit</i> <i>Labour Inspectorate of the Republic of Slovenia</i>
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Conclusions

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The Roadmap on Carcinogens is a pan-European initiative that brings together organisations and individuals in the fight against work-related cancers. Among the partners that have committed to be active and take a leading role in this programme to prevent exposure to carcinogens in the workplace is also the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia.



European Week Against Cancer (EWAC) is an initiative of the Association of European Cancer Leagues (ECL), which brings together cancer organisations, health advocates, civil society groups and policy makers in an effort to raise awareness about the importance of cancer prevention and care for cancer patients.

European Cancer Week takes place every year between 25 and 31 May, culminating in World No Tobacco Day on 31 May.

Exposure to carcinogens threatens the general health and quality of life of workers and affects their workplace attendance and productivity. Cancer not only causes suffering for the individual, but also has a major impact on society. The direct cost of exposure to carcinogens in the workplace in Europe is estimated at €2.4 billion per year. When healthcare costs and lost productivity are taken into account, the estimated amount rises to between four and seven billion euros per year (RIVM, 2016).

As many as 53 % of work-related deaths in the EU are linked to exposure to carcinogens at work (OSHWiki). It is estimated that nearly 80,000 people die each year in the EU from occupational cancer. In addition, more than 120,000 people are diagnosed with occupational cancer each year. Diagnosis is often made several years after exposure, as the period from exposure to cancer can be very long. The worker may therefore already be retired when the disease appears.

The seminar will present for the first time to the Slovenian public the results of the Workers' Exposure to Cancer Risk Factors in Europe (WES) survey, which was carried out by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) in Germany, Ireland, Spain, France, Hungary and Finland in 2023. The survey provides data and

findings on the likely exposure of workers during their last working week to 24 known cancer risk factors. The survey is based on the methodology of the Australian study and the OccIDEAS tool.

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