



# Discussion results: Policies and practices to manage and control exposures to biological agents at the workplace

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**Do you have examples of relevant policies, initiatives and measures that are in place in your country, additional to what has been mentioned during the presentations (for example risk assessment tools, etc.)?**

- **General guidelines,**
- **Information sheets for specific areas (2-pagers), e-learning tool**
- **Picture-based short instructions**
- **Annual trainings**
- **Native language instructions (e.g. Polish for foreign workers)**

# **From your experience, any other examples of what is currently lacking regarding the systematical prevention of health effects due to exposure to biological agents?**

- **Awareness: physicians and employers**
- **Knowledge**
- **Cooperation between authorities**

**What should be developed to ensure systematic prevention?**

**Are there any types of initiatives/prevention measures that could be implemented or implemented better?**

- Awareness raising: physicians, employers and employees
- Knowledge
- Cooperation and communication between authorities
- Measurements for monitoring (e.g. allergens)

# For which sectors/jobs/biological agents/exposure scenarios?

- **Health care (compliance, communication between hygiene and safety authorities)**
- **Crop agriculture (knowledge)**
- **Livestock and Fishery growers (knowledge)**

**What could be the obstacles or facilitators to put it in place?**

**How do we measure success, what do we need for success?**

**Is there a need to improve cooperation between countries?**

**If yes, how to improve?**

**Could anything be done at EU/international level?**

**Is there a need or benefit to cooperate with other policy areas, e.g. public health?**  
**What would be the actions?**



# Who are the actors in this topical area and what could be their role?