

EUROPEAN UTILITY ARBORIST

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PROJECT INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW NOVEMBER 2018

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KEY PARTNERS

- A1 Arborists-(Project Coordinator-UK)
- University of Mendel (**Czech Republic**)
 - Ogre Technical School (**Latvia**)
 - North West Forest Services (**Ireland**)
- University of Transylvania (**Romania**)
 - ICCESAL (**Spain**)
 - Fito-Consult (**Italy**)



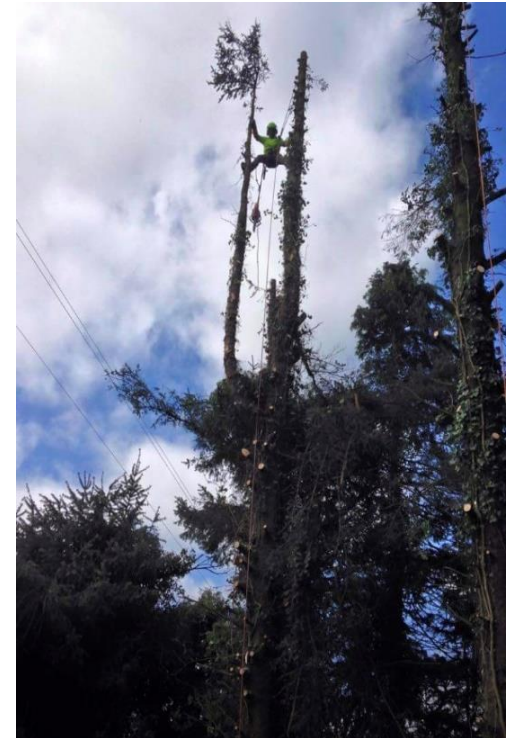
WHY?

- To **reduce** fatality & accident rates
- To develop common European **standards** for safety



DESIGN

- Means: Simplified qualification standards on **three practical & industry relevant levels**
- Ends: To meet the needs of arborists involved within **high risk UA activities**



BASED ON

- Previous **projects**—**ECC EUROPEAN CHAINSAW CERTIFICATE (EAIOCOC) LOLER and VET-SAFETY**
- Previous **results**—a framework for common European competence standards



KEY NEEDS

- **To improve & enhance** utility arborists **skills, safety & supervision** in the workplace
- **Reduce** utility arborist **fatality & incident rates** particularly adjacent to energised power lines
- **Reduce** associated economic & personal **costs** related to UA accidents



KEY OBJECTIVES

- Develop innovative European **occupational standards** in UA
- **Improve transparency** and **recognition** of UA skills to European safety standards
- Enhance utility arborists **mobility** and **employability** throughout Europe
- Encourage & promote **life-long learning** and continuous professional development



PROJECT TEAM

Project partners & participants offer **varied expertise**, ensuring **maximum sustainability of the project results**:

- UA VET & project management specialists
- Private, public bodies & non-profit organisations
- Energy industry distribution network operators
- Government institutions in the education sectors



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- UA industry **research & consultations**
- UA training techniques **analysis**
- UA **standards & competency** developments
- Development of a UA training **simulator sites**
- Project **dissemination** on many levels & sectors
- European **certification** events
- **Guidance materials** publications



PROJECT METHODOLOGY

STAGE 1 — START-UP

STAGE 2 — IMPLEMENTATION

STAGE 3 — COMPLETION



First meeting in Brno, Oct 2018



STAGE 1-START-UP

- **Pre-project planning** meetings
- **Operational work plan**, project organisational structure & dissemination planning
- **Action plan of individual tasks & activities**
- **Trainer standards setting**/best practice events in partner countries & develop UA VET training standards
- **Monitor & evaluate feedback** & disseminate information gathered till end of project
- **Promote project information** through the web, social media links etc



STAGE 2-IMPLEMENTATION

- **Trainer evaluation** and verification events
- **Pilot test** new European UA standards
- Undertake **post project sustainability** planning & preparation meetings
- Develop **UA VET trainer QA materials** & innovative training simulators
- Produce a project interim report & **evaluate findings**



STAGE 3-COMPLETION

- **Live test** new UA competency standards
- Completion of UA VET **trainer QA materials**
- Develop a **project 'Exit Strategy'**
- Project completion, **final report** & evaluation of the findings
- Continued **dissemination & enhancement** of project products & goals post-project



PROJECT IMPACT

- Development of **3 new** European Utility Arborist standards & **qualifications**
- Development of **new innovative UA training materials** & simulators
- Establishment of **high quality UA training providers** & trainers
- Enhanced utility arborist **mobility** & **professional development** internationally



AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Ultimately a **reduction of accidents & fatalities** in the sector
- With support from **ABA International, project partners & participants**—continued promotion and dissemination post-project

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