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Value and resilience in Industrial Safety - 12 transnational European projects receive funding

SAFERA partners fund 12 transnational European research projects in industrial safety. They focus on human and organizational factors including the value of industrial safety.

SAFERA's 2013 joint call on *Human and organizational factors including the value of industrial safety* addressed two topics:

- T1: The value of safety and safety values
- T2: Resilience: improving management of safety

A web-based matchmaking facility was available and helped researchers wishing to submit projects as a transnational consortium. Also single-organization proposals, accepting the principle of proposed collaboration with one or more other organizations, were allowed.

The total available budget was 3.4 M€. 53 applications were received. The sum of the budgets requested was 9.44 M€. The requested funding per project ranged between 7 and 817 k€, with an average of 178k€. The average consortium size was 2.4 partners (range between 1 and 5). Applications came from 20 countries. The organizations are located primarily in Spain (24), Finland (22), Italy (17), France (14) and Norway (12).

12 of the 53 proposals will be funded at the national/regional level, five on the topic T1: The value of safety and safety values, and seven on the topic T2: Resilience: improving management of safety. The table provides project titles and further details.

	Projects funded in the 2013 call	Topic
1.	Exploring contributions of civil society to safety (ECCSSafe) Coordinator: Mutadis, France	T1: Value
2.	Leadership on safety culture as a key factor for improving contractors management Coordinator: i+3 Consultores, Spain	T1: Value
3.	Safety Preferences for Health-related Industrial Risks (SAPHIR) Coordinator: Toulouse School of Economics, France	T1: Value
4.	Socio Technical safety Assessment within Risk Regulation Regimes (STARS) Coordinator: VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Finland	T1: Value
5.	Value of Safety (VaLoSa) Coordinator: Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Finland	T1: Value



6.	Design and development of a simulation tool for decision making in the management of health and safety based on Resilience Engineering, to promote a safety culture change process in MSW treatment companies (ASSESS-RE-TOOL) Coordinator: LIMASA, Spain	T2: Resilience
7.	in collaboration with project (brought together by SAFERA match-making process) Improving resilience in waste transports Coordinator: Finnish Institute of Occupational Health, Finland	
8.	Development and validation of a KPI-based method and a user-friendly software tool for resilience-focused measurement of OSH management system performance (KPI-OSH-Tool), Coordinator: CIOP-PIB, Poland	T2: Resilience
9.	How to become a resilient organization manager Coordinator: Institute for an Industrial Safety Culture, France	T2: Resilience
10.	in collaboration with project (brought together by SAFERA match-making process) Promoting Safety as an emergent property of a resilient system Coordinator: University of Genova, Italy	
11.	Success in the face of uncertainty: human resilience and the accident bow-tie, Coordinator: White Queen BV, the Netherlands	T2: Resilience
12.	Training for Operational Resilience Capabilities (TORC) Coordinator: SINTEF, Norway	T2: Resilience

More information on the research projects will be made available in the SAFERA project database. The access is via the SAFERA call website <http://call.safera.eu>.

About SAFERA:

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SAFERA is a consortium of 21 leading European public agencies, ministries and research funding organizations funding or managing safety research programmes. It will bring dynamism into European research on industrial safety where it cannot be tackled at the national level. SAFERA was initiated by the European Technology Platform on Industrial Safety (ETPIS) and uses this platform to make its results available to the stakeholders. SAFERA will contribute to the SafeFuture Initiative of ETPIS.





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