



Project Title: 'An analysis of current knowledge on circular economy in radiotherapy: informing the curriculum'.

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Invitation and Participation Information Sheet

Dear Therapeutic Radiographer (TR) / Radiation Therapist (RTTs),

We hope you are keeping safe and well during the COVID-19 pandemic. We recognise that radiographers/radiation therapists and frontline workers are facing unprecedented pressures during this time, however we would be grateful for your help with this research. We would like to invite you to participate in a survey which is part of the 'Safe and Free Exchange of EU Radiography Professionals across Europe - SAFE EUROPE project' [grant agreement 2018-2993/001] (www.safeeurope.eu) and of my PhD study at the University of Vigo.

Aim

The aim of this survey is to evaluate the perceptions of TR/RTT regarding circular economy practices relevant to the professional practice across the EU and to identify the relevant green skills for these professionals.

Target population

TR/RTTs from Europe in professional practice.

Introduction

The education of TR/RTTs as well as the competencies required to practise the profession, varies across Europe. As there is no common regulation of the profession or of the educational programme, at European level, the current national regulations may differ across European countries resulting in major differences in the education of TR/RTTs. These differences can compromise the professional mobility of TR and RTTs across Europe. Variations in standards may also impact patient safety. Therefore, it is paramount to create a professional profile and a common curriculum that applies at a European level that will attain the required European standards, which will facilitate TR/RTTs mobility across Europe.

This Europe-wide EU-funded project addresses the issue of a lack of regulation or standardisation in the undergraduate training of TR/RTTs across Europe. It aims to investigate and identify the gaps between the skills required by TR/RTTs to perform their duties in comparison with the educational training provided across Europe.

The project has already completed a comprehensive review of the existing TR/RTT educational programmes/frameworks to identify the knowledge, skills and competencies routinely taught within this profession across Europe.

Circular Economy (CE) has raised great interest as a concept and development model worldwide in recent years. This is an economic model aimed at the efficient use of resources through waste minimisation, long-term value retention, reduction of primary resources, and closed loops of products within the limits of environmental protection and socioeconomic benefits. CE provides an alternative to the linear economic model which is based on production and consumption. CE allows a greener economy with sustainable development and promoting more balanced societies. This strategy enhances the value and lifecycle of the products, materials and resources in the economy and promotes the development of Green Skills by all sectors in the workforce. Green skills is defined as “the knowledge, abilities, values and attitudes needed to live in, develop and support a sustainable and resource-efficiency society”.

Methodology

This survey will be distributed across Europe, by national and European Professional Organisations through SAFE EUROPE's partners. It will take around 20 minutes to complete, and you can stop at any time before submission.

Ethical considerations

The identity of the participants will be kept confidential. No information that would allow the identification of the participants will be published. Participation is voluntary and permission will be asked to the data collection. Participants can withdraw from the study and delete their submitted answers at any moment by e-mailing the researcher.

All the collected data will be processed according to the Data Protection General Regulation (EU) and analysed by the SAFE Europe researchers.

Thank you for your participation.

Disclaimer

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Conflict of interests

The author of this survey declares no conflict of interests.

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Informed consent

By confirming below, you state that you understand and agree with the above information, containing the objectives of this survey, that your participation in this study is done voluntarily, and you can withdraw from the survey at any time before its submission. You understand and agree that the data collected from this survey will be used under the SAFE EUROPE project and in the PhD dissertation, with guaranteed personal data protection, in accordance with the legislation in force. You understand and agree that no information that allows the identification of the participants will be published.

By clicking on the link to complete the survey you are giving consent to proceed.

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Kind regards,

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