

Health and Safety in Sheep Farming in Romania: The Multi-Actor Perspective of SafeHabitus

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Within the European context, agricultural work stands out as one of the occupations with the highest rates of risks to workers' safety and significant associated health issues. Without exhaustively listing all the issues in Romania, we can consider the underdeveloped rural medical infrastructure, the use of outdated machinery on farms, a substantial amount of manual labor, inadequate training on safety and health matters for many workers in the field, and the insufficient inclusion of certain groups in the health insurance system.

Given the diversity of agricultural work, SafeHabitus in Romania focuses on addressing health and safety issues within the sheep farming sector. The research is grounded in qualitative methods specific to social research and incorporates data collected through focus groups and semi-structured interviews with various stakeholders in sheep farming. The analyzed data highlights the significance of the subject and the existence of multiple perspectives on the existent issues. Starting from our qualitative data, it is possible to compile a list of the main challenges and risks in this field and to illustrate how various stakeholder groups discuss health and safety in sheep farming, shedding light on the specific concerns and perspectives within the industry.

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