

Appearance on Boje jutra - TV Vijesti

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The topic of the morning program on TV Vijesti was occupational health and safety. The guests of the show were Đina Janković, representing the Safety at Work Association of Montenegro, and Dragan Žarković, the president of the Independent Association of Judicial Experts of Montenegro.



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Following the recent tragic incident where two workers, D.M. (63) and S.R. (51), lost their lives due to a cave-in during excavation work in the Gornja Gorica neighborhood of Podgorica, there was a discussion about the level of protection for employees in Montenegro and who bears the responsibility for their safety. Initial expert findings indicate that safety measures were compromised, so the focus of the conversation was on accountability and the irregularities present in the field.

Đina Janković spoke about the risks present in the construction sector and the most common causes of injuries, such as falls from heights or into depths, electrical shocks, engagement of untrained individuals for hazardous tasks, or failure to undergo prior health checks. She also addressed the issue of overtime work and the risks faced by employees due to fatigue, as well as the estimated 35,000 to 40,000 individuals engaged in the informal economy for whom there is no available data regarding injuries and occupational illnesses. She reminded the audience of the rights that every employee has, clearly defined in Articles 32, 33, and 34 of the Occupational Safety and Health Law.

A major concern raised was the absence of a Labor Medicine Institute and a National Council for Occupational Safety and Health, institutions present in neighboring countries, for whose

establishment the Occupational Safety Association of Montenegro has submitted numerous initiatives with the support of the BALcanOSH network. She also highlighted the lack of occupational safety and health education in Montenegro's educational system. In this regard, she took the opportunity to inform the broader public about the upcoming activities that the Occupational Safety and Health Association will implement. Through workshops organized in vocational high schools in Podgorica, Bijelo Polje, and Nikšić, as well as technical faculties, they aim to increase the involvement of young people, particularly those in the NEET category, and provide them with basic knowledge on this highly significant topic, preparing them for the labor market.