

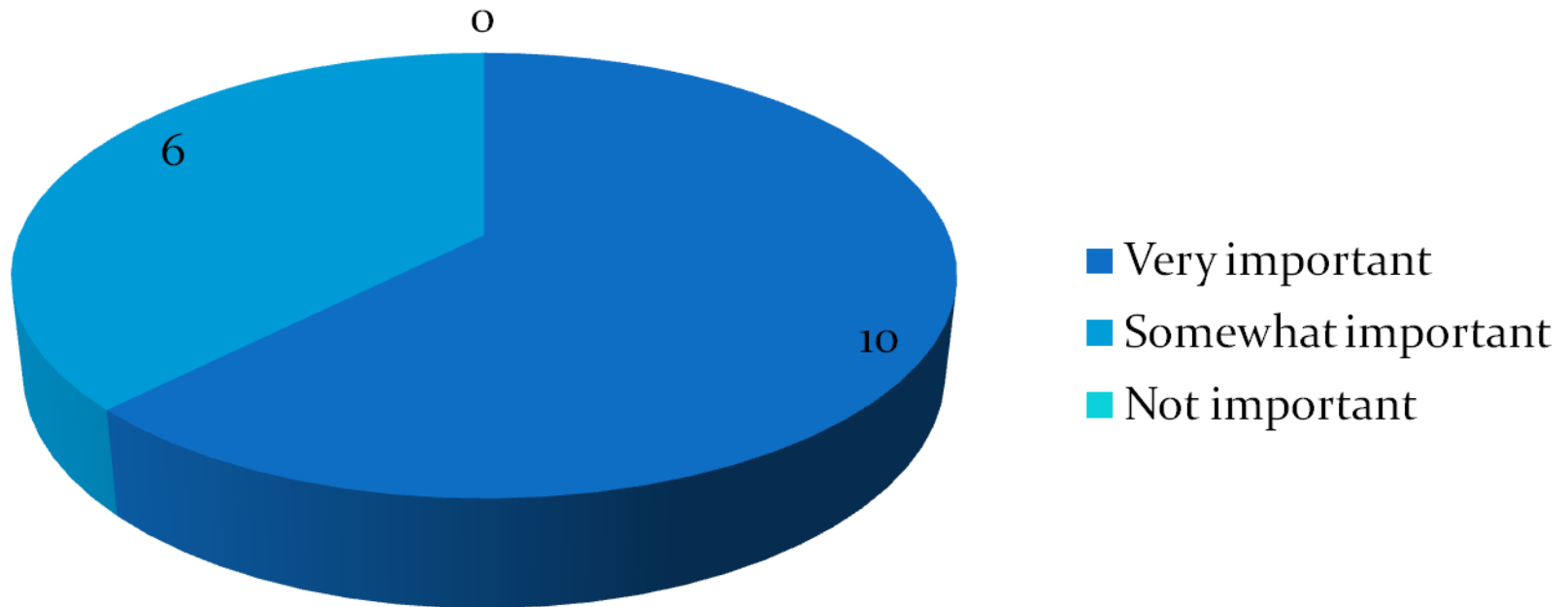


## **Implementation of Directive 2010/32/EU on prevention of sharps injuries in the hospital and health care sector**

**Presentation to Regional Seminar, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013, Vienna**

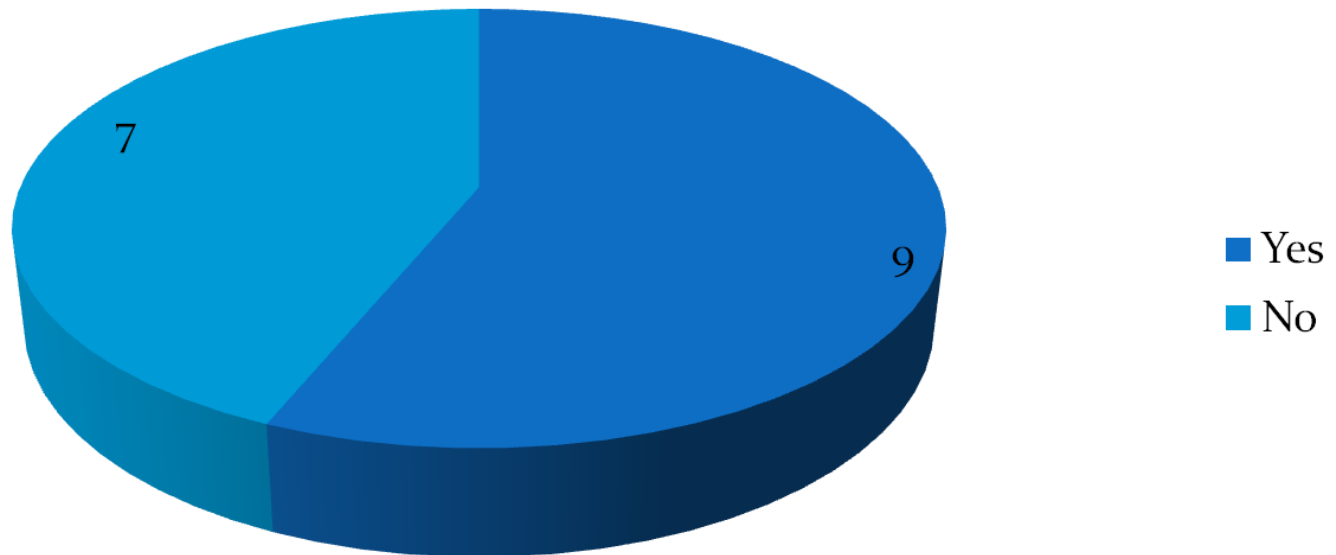
# Significance of issue of sharps injuries (source: GHK survey , 2011)

How significant is the issue of sharps injuries in your country?



# Is there data on number of sharps injuries (source: GHK survey , 2011)

Is there any data about the number of sharps injuries in your country?



# Responses received to survey

**12 Trade union**  
(AT, CY, DK, ES,  
FR, NL, SE, SF,  
UK (x2), Belarus,  
Ukraine)

**9 Employer**  
(DK,EE, FR, IE,  
IT, LV, NL, SE, SF,  
UK)

**22 Total**  
**responses to date**  
**(10 April 2013)**

# Status of transposition

**Progress towards transposition of legislation (deadline May 2013)...**

**Transposition completed: 4 countries (AT, NL, SE, (Belarus))**

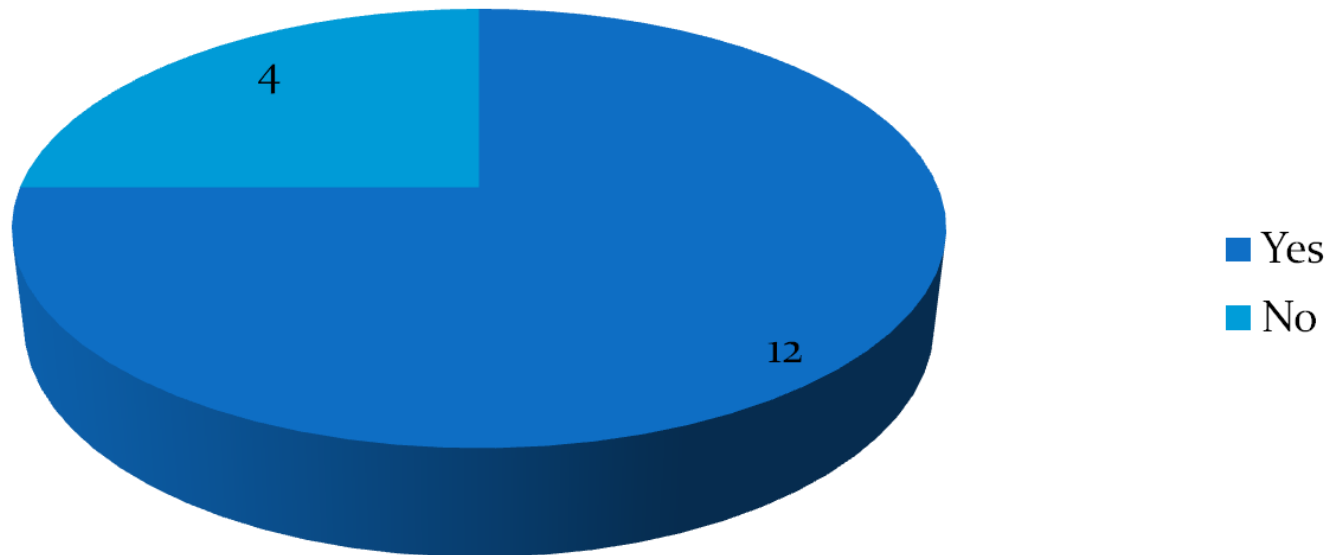
**Transposition prior to May 2013: DK, LV**

**Transposition likely by deadline: FR, IE, IT, SF, UK**

**No clear date given: CY, EE, ES, UKR (2020)**

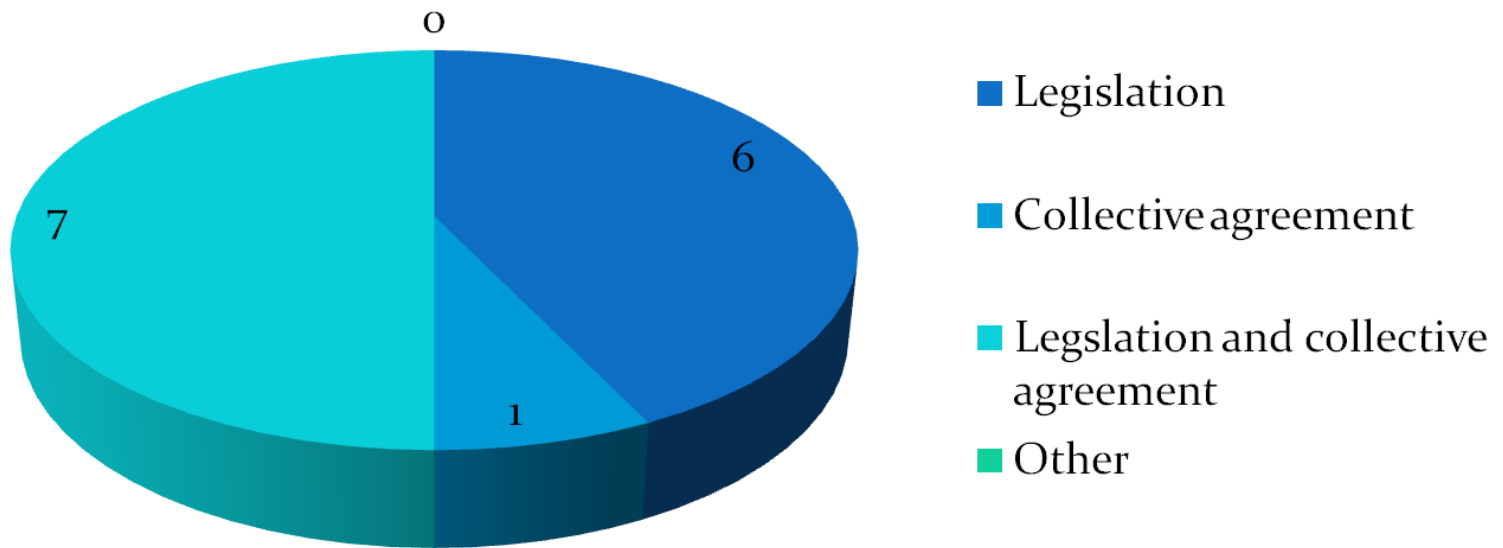
# Is new legislation required to transpose Directive in your country? (source: GHK survey , 2011)

Is any new legislation/agreement etc required in your country to implement the Directive?



# How will the legislation be implemented? (source: GHK survey , 2011)

How will the Directive be implemented in your country?



# Nature of transposition

**Directive  
likely to be  
transposed  
as...**

**Legislation only: CY, DK, ES,  
FR, IE, IT, SE, SF, UK, UKR**

**Legislation and collective  
agreement: Belarus, Latvia**

**Collective agreement**

**Other method of transposition: AT,  
(regulation) NL (Incorporated in  
existing Guideline)**



## Level of change required to existing legislation

None	Low	Moderate	Significant
Denmark	Belarus Estonia Finland (employers) France Italy Netherlands	Austria Ireland Latvia Spain Sweden UK (trade unions, nurses)	Finland (trade unions) UK (trade unions) Ukraine

# Challenges for implementation

**Do you  
foresee  
any  
challenges  
for  
implemen-  
tation?**

Yes (FR (trade unions), IE, LV, SF, UK, UKR)  
Fear of cost of implementation in  
combination with existing budgetary  
pressures; time pressure for implementation  
Insufficient commitment to full transposition  
by legislator/other stakeholders  
Scope of application

No (AT, CY, EE, ES, FR (employers), DK,  
IT, NL, Belarus)

## Who was responsible – who was involved?

Responsible	Involved	Not involved
Ministry of Health Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs Agency of Government	Ministry of Health Ministry of Labour Social partners (cross-industry) Social partners (sectoral)	Ministry of Health (UK) Nursing organisation (Latvia) Healthcare branches other than hospitals (NL), Health and Safety Authority (IE)

# Existence of current guidance/tools

**Yes: AT, Belarus,  
DK, ES, FR, NL  
(employer), SE,  
SF (employer)  
UK**

**No:  
CY, IE, LV, NL  
(trade union), SF  
(trade union),  
UKR**

**All that answered  
no have plans to  
develop such  
guidance, with  
exception of CY,  
UKR**

Questions?

Agenda

Overview of new  
phase of MLP

Questions

Main lessons  
2012

Dealing with  
LTU

Questions



**Thank you**

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# Working group tasks

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- Are reliable data gathered at national/organisational level on the number of sharps injuries per annum (will this allow for a monitoring of a potential reduction of such injuries post-implementation)?
- Are there any concerns about the transposition and subsequent implementation of the Directive at national and organisational level, and if so, what are they?
- How will practice at organisational level change as a result?