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EUROPEAN LOLER PROJECT

DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING & ASSESSMENT STANDARDS FOR REGISTERED INDEPENDENT LOLER INSPECTORS IN THE WORKPLACE' (LOLER)



WHAT IS LOLER?

LOLER is a 24-month long project (October 2011- September 2013) focused on creating new inspection criteria & techniques to examine lifting equipment in order to prevent accidents and fatalities in the workplace complying with the European Work at Height Regulations (Lifting Operations & Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998-LOLER).

WHY LOLER?

LOLER seeks to harmonise the inspection and thorough examination of working at height equipment by providing quality assured standards for operator competence. The project was deemed to be of great importance for the following reasons:

1. Reducing the number of accidents that occur due to equipment failure. Many recorded accidents could have been prevented if equipment had been thoroughly examined prior to use.
2. Transfer of vocational skills within Europe adds real value to the economy of the EU & participating partners worldwide.
3. Registration of LOLER inspectors/ examiners and a requirement for continuous professional development is going to be created in order to ensure that the highest safety inspection standards are maintained.

Umbrella body for the register of equipment inspectors and examiners in Europe & beyond:



The **Awarding Body Association (ABA)** is an International not for profit organisation of national awarding bodies and training organisations. An important part of the LOLER project was to find such an organisation, in order to harmonise standards throughout the world and to administer the register of qualified equipment Inspectors and Examiners. ABA now represents many European awarding bodies, is working closely with the Canadian training authority and is currently developing strong links with the Australian Arboricultural training sector and others. More information found via <http://www.aba-skills.com>

The project is funded by the European Commission, DG Education and Culture under the Lifelong Learning Leonardo da Vinci Programme.

PROJECT AIMS

To develop a common European & International approach to inspection of work at height equipment (with a focus on arborists) via the following key objectives:

- By undertaking a mapping exercise of inspection techniques used within a number of European countries & develop training & assessment standards
- Analysis of a range of European accident & fatality statistics related to work at height & subsequent underlying reasons where known
- Through examination and development of possible non-destructive testing methods suitable for LOLER inspections i.e. the Robb/Nevrkla rope testing device

