



WISEWORK-C

WHO WE ARE

We are the WISEWORK-C cluster, an ambitious collaboration that brings together five projects: [EU-CoWork](#), [INTERCAMBIO](#), [PROSPERH](#), [SONATA](#), and [WAge](#). All five projects are funded by the same call within the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme, running from 2024 to 2028.

Our collective goal is to develop evidence-based interventions that promote both mental and physical health in evolving work environments, considering the unique challenges of the post-pandemic era. Together, we support each other in achieving our respective project objectives by leveraging our shared insights and resources.

WISEWORK-C works to identify ways in which we as projects can support one another to achieve our respective project objectives. We also share the following objectives:

- Cross-promote our projects
- Address common areas of practice
- Collectively influence policy and decision makers with our project findings
- Maximize use of public funding

[EU-CoWork](#)



EU-CoWork
Developing Compassionate Workplaces

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[INTERCAMBIO](#)



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[PROSPERH](#)



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[SONATA](#)



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[WAge](#)



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50

partners



25

countries



5

projects

Across 50 project partners from 25 countries, we share the collective goal of developing evidence-based interventions that promote both mental and physical health in changing work environments, considering also the needs of workplaces in these post-pandemic times.

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

Launch event in Porto

The WISEWORK-C cluster officially launched on 4 July 2024 at the International Symposium Occupational Safety and Hygiene.

The successful launch attended by all five projects kick-started new relationships and set the tone for five years of collaboration.



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World Mental Health Day Webinar

100 attendees from 22 countries and 17 diverse industry sectors learned of the five approaches to mental and physical health in the workplace from your five cluster projects. The webinar was opened by Dr Rita Araujo of DG Research & Innovation, with a keynote from Dr. Karen Michell of IOSH.



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Early Career Researchers across WISEWORK-C

We encourage research collaboration and actively link the early career researchers across our five projects – giving them also the opportunity to promote their research profile via the WISEWORK-C website.



[Click here for our Early Career Researchers page](#)

PROJECTS HIGHLIGHTS



Kicking-off Compassionate Workplace Programs

EU-CoWork has started their data collections to support both our process and impact evaluation. Workplace policy documents are obtained, and baseline quantitative indicators are being gathered through surveys. Focus groups and expert interviews are conducted to explore the contextual characteristics of the workplace settings. Project facilitators who will support the co-creation of the Compassionate Workplace Programs (CWPs) have been trained, and an inspirational resource has been developed to guide the process. Program development is underway, with initial implementation activities—such as kick-off events—already launched in many participating workplaces.

INTERCAMBIO in Motion



The INTERCAMBIO team has conducted co-creation activities with construction companies in Spain. Data collection activities for intervention studies are also ongoing in health care, public transit, renewable energy, and waste management sectors in Europe. In parallel, [findings from a related online living review of intervention studies have been posted on the INTERCAMBIO website](#), which will be updated over time. Lastly, a stakeholder survey was sent out this year, and it received over 100 responses to provide input into setting a new health research agenda in Europe.



Final Feasibility Study Preparations

PROSPERH is finalising preparations for the multi-country Feasibility Study that will commence in July 2025. Website and app components of the PROSPERH intervention for the Feasibility Study have been designed and developed and Research Officers from the 11 implementation countries (Ireland, Germany, Hungary, Spain, Australia, Albania, Kosovo, Denmark, Portugal, the Netherlands, and Turkey) have been trained, are securing ethical approval and recruiting workplaces to take part.



First Steps toward Healthier Workplaces

SONATA's investigations have been successfully initiated through the Situational Track at the University of Perugia and the first concluded Orchestration Track at the Aachen Workplace Simulation Laboratory, while the site for the first Field Study in a real-world workplace has been secured at KU Leuven. [The project's initial findings have been shared with the academic community at the 1st SONATA Recommendations Workshop](#), held in Aachen in February 2025, helping the project refine its recommendations to maximise translatability towards standardisation.

Field Studies in Full Swing Across Europe



WAge is entering a key phase as it concludes its first wave of coordinated field studies across Poland, Portugal, and Spain. These studies investigate how physical and psychosocial workplace factors influence workers' health and wellbeing in manufacturing and service sectors. Insights from this research will feed into the development of the WAge Index, a practical tool designed to help organisations assess working conditions and design targeted, health-promoting interventions. Initial results are expected in Autumn 2025, marking an important milestone for the project.

COMING UP

If you want to see our research showcased, you can find us at....

CONFERENCES

Epidemiology in Occupational Health Conference

Join us at the WISEWORK-C mini-symposium at the EPICOH Conference from 6 – 9 October 2025 in Utrecht



International Society of Exposure Science and the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology

INTERCAMBIO will present their research at the ISES-ISEE Conference in Atlanta, Georgia 17 – 20 August 2025



International Symposium on Biological monitoring in occupational and environmental health

Another opportunity to hear more from INTERCAMBIO at ISBM13, 9 – 12 September 2025 in Milano, Italy.



WORKSHOPS

EU-CoWork: Co-creating Compassionate Workplaces: Collectively exploring challenges and opportunities in initial stages of participatory research in workplaces across four European countries

Workshop at the 4th International Research Seminar of the European Association for Palliative Care Reference Group on Public Health and Palliative Care, 17 June 2025, Victoria, Canada.

SONATA: The Future of Human-Robot Synergy in Interactive Environments: The Role of Robots at the Workplace

CHIWORK 2025 (The Symposium on Human-Computer Interaction for Work) in Amsterdam, June 23-25

FEATURED PUBLICATION



Vanderstichelen, S., De Moortel, D., Nielsen, K., Wegleitner, K., Eneslätt, M., Sardiello, T., ... & Cohen, J. (2024). Developing and evaluating Compassionate Workplace Programs to promote health and wellbeing around serious illness, dying and loss in the workplace (EU-CoWork): a transdisciplinary, cross-national research project. *Palliative Care and Social Practice*, 18, 26323524241281070.

This publication describes how EU-CoWork will generate evidence to support an expanded model of occupational health and safety risk factors sensitive to the specific challenges related to employees' EoL experiences. In doing so, several challenges will have to be navigated: involving employees with EoL experiences while avoiding overburdening them, avoiding tokenistic engagement, managing power differentials, balancing the need for scientific rigour with the flexibility required in co-creation, reconciling different epistemologies and disciplinary traditions and organisational resistance to change.

Get an overview of all WISEWORK-C publications in [our website](#)

LATEST RELEASES

Download our official cluster brochure [here](#)



The PROSPERH project published a [press release](#) on 1st May for International Labour Day



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Within the INTERCAMBIO project, there is an open PhD position in Public Health Economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR): <https://www.academictransfer.com/en/jobs/351999/phd-position-in-public-health-economics-10-fte/> - Deadline 30 June '25

STAY IN TOUCH

If you wish to have more information about the project, please don't hesitate to contact us.

- [WISEWORK-C's official website](#)
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