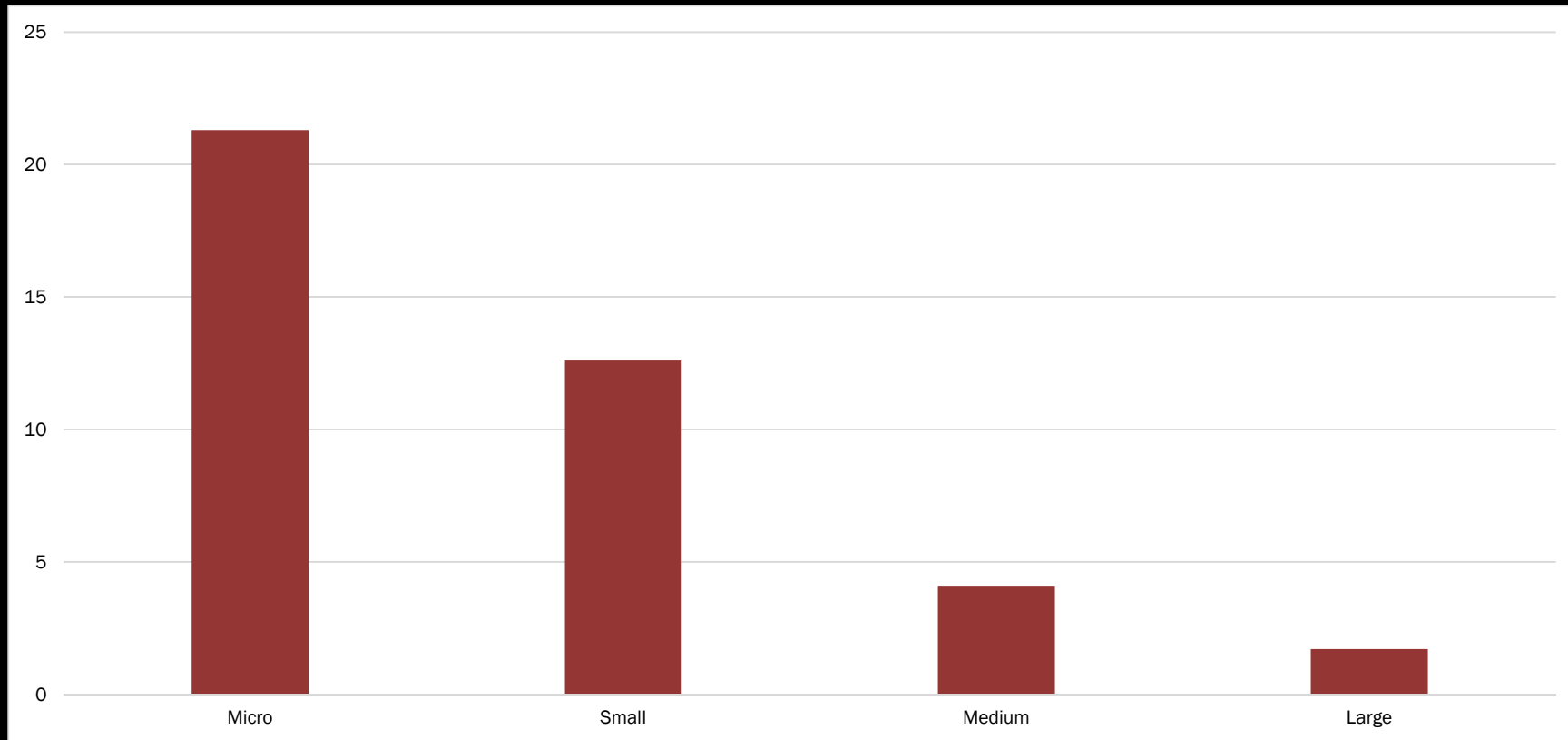


Online interactive Risk Assessment tool - OiRA

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Proportion (%) of enterprises reporting that they do not carry out regular risk assessment or other checks, by enterprise size, EU28?



Source: ESENER-2, EU-OSHA

MSEs need help in identifying risks

There is sufficient evidence at EU/MS level to conclude that micro and small enterprises (MSEs) have some shortcomings/challenges to overcome when it comes to risk assessment (RA):

- *“It is not necessary, because we do not have any major problems”*
- *“The necessary expertise is lacking”*
- *“A lack of technical support or guidance”*

Why care about small enterprises

- Provide the daily bread for most of the global population
- Limited resources (money, time and personnel)
- Under pressure from complex markets, competition from bigger firms, government red tape and limited credit access and much more
- The work environment:
 - Higher risks of accidents and occupational diseases
 - Limited capacity to control (management attention and knowledge as well as time and money)
- More self-employed and informal sector under stressful conditions

Project Goals

- To contribute to the “development of simple tools to facilitate Risk Assessment” (Community Strategy 2007-2012) like OiRA (EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014 - 2020).
- To develop and promote practical tools to help MSEs to put in place the RA process
- To help demystify the RA process among MSEs
- To build a critical mass of social partners (EU and national), governments, public institutions interested in developing and disseminating RA tools tailored to the specificities and needs of European MSEs

- Provision of free and open source software
- More than a software, a diffusion model where social partners play a key role
- OiRA tools available to the end-users free of charge
- Development of an OiRA community:
 - Sharing tools (possibility to clone and translate / adapt tools from other countries / sectors)
 - Sharing of experiences / good practice

OiRA main drivers

- Easy access, easy to use, free ...
- Diffusion / dissemination facilitated through Internet
- Evolutionary content (“easy-immediate” update)
- Didactic / methodological dimension (RA method: from risk identification to documenting the RA)
- Access to other sources of information / documentation (through the links)
- Possibility to monitor the development and use of such tools
- Help companies to fulfil their legal obligation

OiRA main obstacles

- Lack of awareness
- Risk assessment mystified (too complicated only for experts)
- Difficulty to reach and engage MSEs in the task of assessing the risks

- **107 OiRA tools** have been published and 25 are under development
- The OiRA community is made of **16 OiRA national partners** plus the EU sectoral social partners who developed an EU tool for their sector
- The number of accounts that have been created since August 2011 is: **35.610** (data retrieved 21.11.2016).
- The number of accumulated risk assessments carried out with OiRA (accumulated assessment since August 2011) is: **49.775** (data retrieved 21.11.2016).