

THE EASIMS NEWSLETTER

THIRD MEETING



EASIMS

Innovative Training Solution for implementing
Integrated Management System (IMS) in SME

Coinciding with the midpoint of the project, the seven European entities that make up the consortium meet to discuss the objectives and activities to be carried out during the year 2020.

AMUEBLA hosts the third monitoring meeting of the European project EASIMS: Innovative training solution for the design and implementation of Integrated Management Systems (IMS) in SMEs. Funded under the Erasmus+ programme in the 2018 call and with a duration of 28 months, the EASIMS project aims to develop innovative training tools for the "IMS Manager" (IMS - Integrated Quality, Environment and Safety Management System) of companies manufacturing furniture and other habitat products.

The project will develop a Study Plan for the IMS Manager, training contents in Process Management available on-line in six languages and a software tool to facilitate the design and implementation of the IMS in the company. The aspects to be dealt with in the next monitoring meeting, by the project partners, will be the validation of the study plan, the subsequent development of the training material, as well as the carrying out of a pilot test during the last quarter of the year 2020.

The consortium, coordinated by CENFIM, is made up of the following European entities: the European Federation of Furniture Manufacturers (UEA), the Meroni Vocational Training Institute (Italy), the AMUEBLA Manufacturers Association of Murcia (Spain), the FCBA Technological Institute (France), the software company DANMAR (Poland) and the Universitat Rovira i Virgili of Tarragona (Spain).



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DEVELOP A STUDY
PLAN FOR THE GIS
MANAGER, IN SIX
LANGUAGES.**

INTERVIEW

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For this newsletter we have the interview of José María Sánchez Martínez, from the company Fabricados Durus, with more than 90 years of professional experience in the rest sector. During this interview José María will tell us how it was for the company to obtain the ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certificates and the benefits it has brought them over these years.

José María, let's start by talking about the Quality Management System (ISO 9001). Did it take a great effort to adapt to the requirements of the 9001 standard?

Yes, we started the process to acquire the certification in 2011, in the middle of the crisis, as a way to give the customer an added value to our products. Besides, at that time there were only a few of us in the company so we had to make a great effort to achieve it.

The implementation phase itself lasted just one year, for which we had professional consultants who helped us a lot in the process and made it easier for us.

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I suppose you will meet all kinds of customers, but are they usually interested in the different processes that give rise to their products, as well as the origin of their materials?

At the beginning not too much, when we implemented ISO 9001 our main customers were small or medium size traditional shops that did not give much importance to the origin of the material or the product. But now it is different, our customers have diversified, we have big stores, designers, contract, white label, etc.; and this we have achieved thanks to the certificate, because ensuring the quality of products and processes plays in our favour to enter new markets.

To conclude with the 9001 standard, would you encourage other companies, regardless of their size and sector, to follow the requirements of the ISO 9001 series?

Without a doubt I would recommend it, the ISO 9001 standard teaches you to work following guidelines that are adaptable to any sector or size of company. This makes you gain efficiency in management processes, which is always beneficial for your company.

Well José María, tell us about the 14001 certificate, do you think it generates competitive advantages?

I have no doubt that it does. Ten years ago, when we obtained it, it was more a question of the company's image, but now, thanks to our social conscience regarding the environment, this certificate provides a very important added value.

With all the social movement that exists today about respect for the environment, are customers interested in the various processes that give rise to their products, in addition to the origin of their materials?

Currently yes, in addition, last year we obtained PEFC accreditation, so we guarantee our customers that the wood used in our slatted and upholstered bases comes from forests that are managed sustainably. What's more, we are the first bed base factory to be certified.

And finally, would you encourage other companies, regardless of their size and sector, to follow the requirements of the ISO 14001 series?

A resounding yes, we must be aware of the damage we do to our planet constantly. It is our responsibility to take care of it so as not to end it. Climate change is no small matter and we are all, each in our own size and scope, responsible for leaving this planet to our children in the best possible way. Therefore, all companies should do their bit, and what better way than to integrate a standard and international procedure that proves that things are being done right and with respect for the environment.



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