



Safety. Experience. Certification.

ECRA – European Committee for Rope Access



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The field of rope access is getting more and more international and co-operation beyond national borders becomes more important every day.

On this account the rope access associations ANETVA (Spain), SFETH – represented by DPMC – (France), FISAT (Germany) and SOFT (Norway) founded ECRA, the European Committee for Rope Access, representing more than 15.000 technicians worldwide.

The main purpose of ECRA is to share safety issues, keep the high standard and develop the basic topics safety, training, assessment and ergonomics even further.

All ECRA-members are partners of the European funded Leonardo lifelong learning research project „European Professional Certificate for Rope Access“. Since 2010 the partners are working on a referential for the harmonized certification of rope access personnel in Europe. Dissemination and promotion of the results will start in the first half of 2016. This referential can also be used to make rope access certificates from different certification systems comparable.

OPERATING
WORLDWIDE

SHARE
EXPERIENCES

DEFINE
STANDARDS

ERGONOMICS

PROMOTE ROPE ACCESS
AS AN ACCEPTED TECHNIQUE

OPEN
TO AUTHORITIES

SHARE
EXPERIENCES

ESTABLISH
A HIGHER
LEVEL
OF SAFETY

POSITIVE
CHANGES

MAKE ROPE ACCESS
AS SAFE
AS POSSIBLE

COMMON
PHILOSOPHY

TRANSPARENT
ASSESSMENT

A declaration defining the minimum standards for certification of rope access technicians and proving the acknowledgement of the four associations has been signed in June 2012. All members are obliged to monitor their development in reference to the signed declaration.

Declaration

The associations

ANETVA (Spain)
DPMC (France)
FISAT (Germany)
SOFT (Norway)

declare that this paper represents their common philosophy based on the following 14 criteria:

- 1) All associations intent to implement the highest level of safety by promoting best available technology and latest state of knowledge for all persons performing rope access activities.
- 2) The assessment is independent.
- 3) Redundancy in all safety matters
- 4) Only use of type approved equipment (CE, EN)
- 5) Rescue is part of all a assessments.
- 6) Certification in minimum 3-level structure
- 7) Existence of written code of best practice
- 8) Existence of written examination regulations
- 9) Frequent reassessment is implemented or in implementation process.
- 10) National, when relevant European guidelines and regulations are implemented.
- 11) Evidence of practical hours is required, at least to reach the rope access supervisor level.
- 12) Risk assessment is the base for all rope access decisions.
- 13) Ergonomics is a decision criterion.
- 14) An organization chart of the association with responsibilities is available.

The associations are willing to continue their cooperation.


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