The knowledge map as a management tool for the perception of occupational health and safety for construction faculties' students.

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Abstract

Work constitutes a fundamental dimension of human existence on earth. Humans plan, organize, perform work and thus develop through the work of their mind and the physical transformation of the world. Knowledge management has become a widely discussed and increasingly popular concept worldwide. The essence of this concept is the creation and dissemination of knowledge, understood as the entire content existing in the human mind as a result of accumulated learning and experience. The article presents a knowledge map as a management tool for the perception of occupational health and safety and health for construction faculties' students.

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1 Introduction

Knowledge management has become a widely discussed and increasingly popular concept worldwide. The essence of this concept is the creation and dissemination of knowledge, understood as the entire content existing in the human mind as a result of accumulated learning and experience. This concept can be particularly useful in preparing students for their future career in the construction sector as a specific form of education. The specificity results mainly from the conditions in which the construction process is carried out. The specific features of the construction process include:

- individual character of each construction;
- significant scattering of the construction works in the field;
- real estate of construction products;
- dependence on atmospheric influences;
- late achievement of the effects of building facilities;
- large dimensions and large mass of building structures;
- long service life of buildings;
- random nature of the execution time of construction processes.

When students finish their studies we can observe a common phenomenon, so-called "Disappearance of knowledge". Students leaving the university are associated with the percentage loss of the knowledge they have been acquiring. Practically, instead of using the information acquired during studies, a university graduate taking up a job begins a new education process rather than completing the already existing knowledge. In the construction sector, the area of knowledge resulting from the specificity of the construction process has become more extensive after Poland’s accession to the EU. It covers all stages of the investment process, from preparation of the investment to execution, implementation of the investment (construction process) and ending with usage (operation). Construction companies operating in the EU aim to achieve a specific goal. To list a few – it could be: economic profit, temporary durability
or the well-being of its employees. As a rule, entrepreneurs adjust their activities to the environmental conditions by producing and delivering products and services to the market [14, 22].

In construction, production can be traditional or design-based [19]. Traditional production is a logical process widely recognized in the EU: design - production - sale of a product. In project-based production, the traditional order is done by: selling the idea to the client (investor) - signing the contract - developing a unique product adjusted to the changing customer requirements. From this perspective, the project is treated as a temporary organization of activities carried out in order to create a unique product or service. Production takes place on the basis of completed products and focuses on temporary teams whose members, functioning in a specific structure, strive to achieve a common goal [7, 8].

In the industry of the EU countries, including Poland, projects are implemented mostly sporadically, as enterprises are not prepared to work in accordance with the process approach [15]. This is due to their use of traditional organizational structures. Projects are carried out by permanent teams regardless of the normal production of the enterprise.

Companies using project management can conduct their activities according to two types of processes: business and project. Business processes are continuous and repetitive activities, resulting in routine activities, which affect the achievement of formalization and standardization. However, within design processes, these are activities that are not based on routine activities and are not largely repetitive. There is then no possibility of improvement or standardization [24].

In the European construction market, projects are managed by organizations prepared for both forms of activity [2]. They include the normal (business) activity of the enterprise, which responds to orders placed on the market or signing a contract. Working teams are not permanent. Project management at the production level coexists with management by projects. The construction production process involves many participants appointed by investors, designers, contractors or subcontractors who cooperate with each other in the pursuit of a common goal [21]. This situation results from the dynamics of the construction market, where companies have to constantly adapt their organization to the requirements of the environment resulting from the lack of continuity of production, e.g. by signing new contracts.

Construction companies, by carrying out specific construction works, transform projects into objects - infrastructure elements that begin with receiving an order or signing a contract with a client. Implementation of construction works is based on a design agreed and approved between the parties. The site where the works are carried out is located where the given infrastructure element is being built. Such activities cause that construction companies carry out works on various construction sites where works are planned in the project. When carrying out a given project, the construction company also coordinates the activities of suppliers and subcontractors who provide the necessary resources, such as: labor (own or subcontracted), machinery and equipment (own or subcontracted), materials, vehicles and office space.

Knowledge management aims to protect the organization against negative phenomena that threaten the achievement of a set goal and the effective use of intellectual capital in the company’s operations. This is of great importance, particularly in the construction industry. Construction companies operate in a rapidly changing environment, face very high competition and are dependent on their customers’ decisions. Such conditions require great flexibility and the ability to adapt to changing circumstances. Therefore, tools supporting decision-making in the field of construction company management are needed. With the development of the concept based on knowledge management, many management tools have been studies and developed. The views of specialists and experts became the starting point for building the concept of a knowledge map, a tool supporting decision-making processes, especially for businesses in the construction industry [5, 6, 9].

2 The concept of a occupational health and safety knowledge map (ohs knowledge maps)

The concept of knowledge is one of the most difficult to define, the interpretation of which very often depends on the way it is being used. Most often, the term "knowledge" is understood as an organized set of information along with the rules for interpreting it [12]. The necessity of the skilful use of knowledge and increasing its resources prompts enterprises to constantly search for new tools related to this field. Collecting data and information alone is not enough. The enterprise must ensure that data and information are turned into knowledge. Properly processed data can become information, and processed and structured information can be transformed into knowledge, which is closely related
to the processes specific to a given company. In relation to construction companies, knowledge can be recognized in many aspects, e.g. technological, resource, financial, organizational. The acquired information and its connections enable effective communication and learning about knowledge in various sections and with a varying degree of detail [10]. The knowledge map is a tool whose main task is to facilitate the effective sharing of knowledge between members of a given community, i.e. company employees, and between the community and external organizations. As knowledge is constantly changing, the knowledge map should be a dynamic, interactive and evolving tool [7].

In the literature on the subject, there are various types of knowledge maps. They are used in various fields and in the design of technical devices, and more and more often in education [11, 16–18]. The concept of the knowledge map is modeled on cartographic maps in a three-dimensional system (Fig. 1).

![Knowledge map in a universal approach](image)

Figure 1. Knowledge map in a universal approach

The basis of the knowledge map is marked on the "x" axis of the domain (D) and on the "y" axis, knowledge elements (E), and on the "z" axis, the value of knowledge is given, expressed in points, percentages, decimal numbers or other units (Fig. 1).

The presented situation illustrates the state of deficiencies in the required knowledge in specific elements, which means that knowledge should be supplemented within a certain time. Knowledge gaps can be caused by defective education and the aging of knowledge in the long term due to the fact that education does not keep up with the changing legal regulations and technical progress.

The analysis shows that the knowledge map may contain various elements distinctive to a selected industry or a specific company. Based on the literature and practice regarding the observation of solutions used in construction companies, it appears that the map of knowledge should start with the first element: the system and the environment - defining the company’s mission and goals. Then there may be threats, resources, legal and technical requirements, market requirements, technical preparation, project processes, logistics, planning, documents, indications, to the last element of the map concerning changes, defining the register of all activities related to the operation of the knowledge map, including reasons and dates of changes in effect [20].

Currently, due to the practiced process approach to enterprise management, it is recommended that knowledge maps emphasize processes specific to a given enterprise. Among the processes, the most popular are the processes related to financial issues, then personnel, logistics, as well as the processes of quality system audit and business plan development [23]. The given sequence of processes determines the direction of interests of the owner of the knowledge map. Particular interest in the financial area results from the complex solutions used in the financial management of construction industry companies, the mode and scope of their analysis, accounting systems, organization and course of processes in the field of financial control and external audit, as well as the financial and management accounting tools.
used to improve the broadly understood management process. In construction companies, significant in the area of financial issues are, for example, those that relate to the calculation of the cost of manufacturing construction services, settlement of the costs of these services for the purposes of shaping the price generating sales revenues affecting the level of profitability, or the use of appropriate cost accounting that allows optimal cost accounting to achieve a positive financial result. The effectiveness of the decision-making process and the policy in the field of cost level shaping is ensured by the cost accounting properly adjusted to the specifics of the enterprise’s activity. Many variations of cost accounting in use predict different dependencies between the factors of production, which have a direct impact on the level of costs. Hence, the knowledge of solutions in this area enables managers to make the right decisions directly related to the achieved results. In the practice of economic life, entrepreneurs may use traditional cost accounting models and other models to achieve various goals [13].

Figure 2. Structure of the occupational health and safety knowledge map

At this point, it is necessary to emphasize the multidimensionality of the protection of economic transactions, which entails the need for consistency of regulations from various areas of the applicable law. The security of economic transactions, expressed, inter alia, in the economic security in terms of macro and micro, can be verified in various ways. One of them is the financial review (financial audit) providing reliable, proven and consistent information on the economic and financial situation of operating organizations in the economy [1, 3, 4]. As part of the audit, in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), areas of threats to the functioning of the enterprise are identified and assessed. In the construction industry, the issue of hazards, including accidents, is particularly important. The ohs knowledge map may be a tool enabling the identification and diagnosis of threats.

The ohs knowledge map is a record of domain knowledge, in which 20 areas of knowledge have been designated and marked with symbols: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, R, S, T, U. Knowledge elements were assigned to the domains of knowledge and marked with symbols Ej. The structure of the map with the specified areas of knowledge is shown in Fig. 2.

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**Knowledge map of occupational health and safety**

| A. Building site         | B. Hygienic and sanitary facilities | C. Lighting and power devices | D. Warehousing and storage of building materials |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| E. Means of collective protection of employees | F. Machines and equipment, including scaffolding | G. Media (electricity, gas) | H. Transport works |
| I. Earthworks           | J. Foundation works (carpentry, reinforcement, concrete) | K. Concrete works           | L. Assembly works with the use of a crane |
| M. Finishing works      | N. Employee qualifications          | O. Medical examinations of employees | P. Occupational health and safety training for employees |
| R. Means of personal protection | S. Work positions and processes, risk assessment at work stations | T. Nutrition, harmful and dangerous factors at the work stations | U. Safety and health protection of students working during the COVID-19 |

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The issues of financial aspects can be referred to the knowledge map of ohs in all 20 areas of knowledge, as in each area there is a problem of ensuring the financial back-up guaranteeing the efficient functioning of all elements of the map’s structure. Taking into account the fact that in the construction industry, the issues of safety and health protection are associated with almost every activity of creating a building object - an element of infrastructure, the authors decided to develop a questionnaire (table 1) to study the perception of occupational safety and health of students of construction faculties.

Survey questionnaire for the student

For research on the perception of occupational health and safety in the building trade Instruction:

Please choose one of the following options, marked with an X in the appropriate box. For each issue (question), please give a meaningful meaning (the significance of the given issue for the occupational health and safety of students, giving them weight on the following scale:

- high importance - 4;
- medium importance - 3;
- low importance - 2;
- does not matter - 1

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### Preparation and organization of construction

| A. | Building site and organization of construction |
|----|-----------------------------------------------|
| A.1 | Has been / was / is the construction site secured against unauthorized access? |
| A.2 | Are there designated parking spaces for vehicles used by employees? |
| A.3 | Are there designated (hardened and drained) places for outdoor storage of building materials and products needed for classes? |
| A.4 | Do pedestrianized roads, ramps, walkways, exits and entrances meet the health and safety requirements? |

### Hygienic and sanitary facilities

| B.5 | Are hygienic and sanitary facilities provided? |

### Lighting, power devices

| C.6 | Are the passages and danger zones illuminated? |
| C.7 | Do the electric power distribution and consumption installations not constitute a fire or explosion hazard and sufficiently protect against electric shock? |
| C.8 | Are electrical installations and devices protected against electric shock and against direct and indirect contact? |
| C.9 | Has the effectiveness of protection against electric shock been confirmed by measurements? |
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| C.10| Are the electrical switchboards properly arranged, set up and secured?                          |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| C.11| Are the cables supplying electrical devices protected against mechanical damage?                |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| C.12| Are the connections of electrical equipment to electrical switchboards made in a manner ensuring safety? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| C.13| Are there periodic safety inspections of electrical devices on site?                            |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| D.14| Were there designated storage areas for materials?                                              |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| D.15| Were the required distances from overhead power lines maintained during storage?               |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| D.16| Were the bulk materials properly warehouse and / or stored?                                     |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| D.17| Did the shelves on which the materials were stored have adequate strength and a stable structure? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| D.18| Did the method of storing materials on shelves and their removal pose a threat to the safety of employees? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| D.19| Were materials, objects, hazardous substances and chemical preparations and materials of the highest mass stored on the lowest shelves? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| E.20| Were railings installed while the work was being carried out in places accessible to the unemployed? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| E.21| Are communication routes and workstations located more than 1 m above the site secured with a balustrade? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| E.22| Are the danger zones fenced and marked in a way that prevents access by unauthorized persons?   |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| E.23| Do machines and other technical devices as well as mechanized tools and moving parts of machines ensure safe working conditions, e.g. through the use of covers or screens? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| F.24| Have OHS instructions for the operation of machines and devices been developed and made available for permanent use? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| F.25| Were the machines and devices in use marked with appropriate safety signs and colors?           |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| F.26| Did the machines and devices used have appropriate protective devices?                         |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| F.27| Have the machines and devices been certified with a safety mark or a declaration of conformity? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
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| F.28 | Were the machines and devices in use in a proper technical condition? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.29 | Do machines and devices subject to supervision have the certificates of admission to traffic? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.30 | Were the ladders in use in a proper technical condition? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.31 | Were the tools in use in the proper technical condition? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.32 | Was the scaffolding documented before it was put into service? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.33 | Were the scaffolds properly placed on the ground? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.34 | Are the working surfaces of the scaffolding filled with the appropriate platforms? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.35 | Have the scaffolding been properly anchored to the fixed elements of the structure? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.36 | Were communication lines between the levels of the scaffolding platforms built? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.37 | Have the scaffolding platforms fencing been made correctly? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.38 | Have the scaffolding been used as intended? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.39 | Have the scaffolding been periodically maintained and inspected? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| F.40 | Did the metal scaffoldings have lightning protection? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| G.41 | Are the university’s electricity distribution installations (wires, receivers, connections, etc.) secured in such a way as to protect students against electric shock and do not constitute a fire and explosion hazard? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| G.42 | Did the gas installations, e.g. compressed air, oxygen for gas welding, etc., meet the safety and health requirements? |        |           |        |            |                                      |

Health and safety requirements during the performance of works

| H.43 | Were the communication routes adapted to the means of internal transport and the cargo transported? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| H.44 | Were the roads and passages properly marked and secured? |        |           |        |            |                                      |

Earthworks

| I.45 | Were the excavation walls adequately protected by lining or sloping? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| I.46 | Were there safe descents to the workplaces, located at a distance of max. 20 m? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| I.47 | Was the spoil properly stored? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| I.48 | Were the earthworks with the use of mechanized equipment carried out in accordance with the health and safety requirements? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
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| I.49 | Has a safe distance for the works to be carried out from the existing heating, gas etc. networks been defined? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| I.50 | Is the permissible depth of 1 m for a trench with vertical walls without reinforcements maintained? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| I.51 | Was the excavation deeper than 1 m properly secured? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| I.52 | Has design documentation been prepared for excavations with a depth exceeding 4 m? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| I.53 | Were the spoil and materials stored outside the wedge zone of the natural fragment of soil, if the excavation walls were not covered? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| I.54 | Were descents / entrances to excavations deeper than 1m made? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| I.55 | Was the performance of works in the excavation carried out in accordance with the health and safety regulations? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| I.56 | Have safe working conditions been agreed with the user of the high-voltage line during the performance of works with machines or other devices directly below the line? |        |           |        |            |                                      |

J. **Foundation works (carpentry, reinforcement, concrete)**

| J.57 | Were the workers performing the foundation works equipped with trays for hand tools, preventing the tools from falling out and not hindering their freedom of movement? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| J.58 | Were ladder carpentry works carried out only up to a height of 3 m? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| J.59 | Was the carpentry work carried out by a team of at least two people? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| J.60 | During the assembly or disassembly of the formwork, are there any measures to prevent collapse of the stiffening and expanding structures? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| J.61 | Did the permanent workshop and reinforcement machines meet the health and safety requirements? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| J.62 | Were the elements of the reinforcement properly stored, transported and installed safely? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| J.63 | Was concreting - emptying the containers by pouring the concrete mix into the formwork, from a height not exceeding 1 m? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| J.64 | Were the workers carrying out the foundation works out of the danger zone, e.g. in the work area of a crane or concrete pump? |        |           |        |            |                                      |

K. **Concrete works**

| K.65 | When the concrete mixture was delivered by vehicle, was the chute point equipped with fenders to prevent the vehicle from rolling away? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
| K.66 | While feeding the concrete mixture with the pump, were the workers not working in the danger zone of the pump? |        |           |        |            |                                      |
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|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|------------|----------------------------------------|
| -1- |                                                                                                   |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| K.67| Did the employees comply with the health and safety rules and regulations when making the concrete mix with a concrete mixer? |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.  | Assembly work with the use of a crane                                                            |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.68| Was the crane equipped with a board informing about the permissible load?                         |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.69| Was the crane track (crane workstation) in a proper technical condition?                         |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.70| Were the crane’s controls and signals operational?                                                |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.71| Was the proper condition of the crane’s lightning protection system documented with current measurements? |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.72| Was the crane’s documentation kept, e.g. a roster book and a crane inspection book?               |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.73| Were the crane operator’s working standards complied with?                                        |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.74| Were the assembly works of steel structures and prefabricated large-size elements carried out on the basis of the assembly design and the health and safety environment plan, by employees familiar with the assembly organization instructions and the type of machines and devices used? |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.75| Was it forbidden to stay during the assembly works on the two lower storeys located directly under the storey to be installed? |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.76| Were assembly works made of large / large-block elements carried out at wind speeds up to 10m / s and good visibility? |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.77| Was the lifting, guiding and stabilization of the assembled element carried out in a safe manner? |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.78| Was the lifting signal given after people were removed from the danger zone?                      |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| L.79| During crane operation, did workers work in the hazardous area, e.g. under the crane jib?         |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| M.  | Finishing works                                                                                  |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| M.80| Was the air exchange in closed rooms provided for the needs of work safety?                      |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| M.81| Were the persons performing the finishing works exposed to noise, vibration, electromagnetic radiation, dust and gases with intensities exceeding the limit values? |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| M.82| Was the person working in confined spaces with insufficient oxygen content or agents with concentrations below the limit values observed and secured to ensure immediate evacuation and effective assistance? |        |           |        |            |                                        |
| N.  | Employee qualifications                                                                         |        |           |        |            |                                        |
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| -1- |                                                                                                  | -2-    | -3-       | -4-    | -5-        | -6-                                   |
| N.83| Have the employees been trained in the proper scope of health and safety?                          |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| N.84| Did the training courses meet the requirements for the given job positions?                        |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| O.  | **Medical examination of employees**                                                                |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| O.85| Did the employees have current medical requirements that there are no contraindications to work in the position they hold? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| O.86| Did the employees get regular medical examinations?                                                |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| O.87| Were preliminary medical examinations carried out before starting work in a given position?         |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| O.88| Was the employee subject to medical checkups in the event of incapacity for work lasting more than 30 days, e.g. due to illness? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| O.89| Were periodic medical examinations carried out in order to determine the ability to perform work in a given position? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| P.  | **Occupational health and safety training**                                                        |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| P.90| Were the workers performing the work subject to general instruction?                                |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| P.91| As part of the on-the-job training, have the employees been acquainted with the hazards in their workplaces and the occupational risks associated with the work they perform, methods of protection against threats and methods of safe work performance at a given position? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| P.92| Did the employees undergo periodic training in the form of briefing at least once every three years, and once a year when performing particularly dangerous work? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| R.  | **Means of personal protection**                                                                    |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| R.93| Did employers provide employees with personal protective equipment against harmful and dangerous factors in every aspect related to work? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| R.94| Did the employee have personal protective equipment adapted to his own body shape?                   |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| R.95| Did the employee use personal protective equipment (lower and upper limbs, face and eyes, hearing, respiratory system, measures to isolate the whole body, work clothes, warning clothing)? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| R.96| Has the employee been informed about the methods of using personal protective equipment?             |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| S.  | **Work positions and processes, risk assessment at work stations**                                  |        |           |        |            |                                       |
| S.97| Are dangerous zones (technological openings and other dangerous places) secured (handrails, protective canopies, etc.) and marked? |        |           |        |            |                                       |
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| S.98 | Are workstations in the vicinity of active, overhead power lines properly secured? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| S.99 | Were the work stations adequately secured against falling objects, weather conditions and mechanical damage? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| S.100 | Are workstations at heights (edges of open spaces) secured by applying appropriate collective protection measures? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| S.101 | Has an occupational risk assessment been performed at workplaces? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| T.102 | Nuisance, harmful and dangerous factors at the work stations |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| T.103 | Has the employee been informed about the occupational risk related to the work performed by him and about the principles of protection against hazards in this position? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| T.104 | Did the employer provide work clothes and footwear? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| T.105 | Did the employees use work clothes and footwear provided by the employer? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| T.106 | Were the employees equipped with personal protective equipment? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| T.107 | Did the employees use personal protective equipment? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| U.108 | Safety and health protection of students working during the COVID-19 epidemic |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| U.109 | Actions to ensure physical distance in the workplace |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| U.108 | Has an action plan been developed at the level of top construction management to reduce the risk of contracting SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus at work? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| U.109 | Does management and employee representatives, occupational medicine physician and OSH specialists contribute to the development of the action plan? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| U.110 | Are those developing the action plan provided with the necessary information about the coronavirus and the laws in force during the outbreak, and is this information kept up to date? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| U.111 | Are the types of work that are most likely to be contaminated on the site identified and measures to reduce this likelihood identified? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| U.112 | Does the action plan specify what measures will be implemented for the different types of work, and does it specify deadlines for their implementation and those responsible for implementation? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
| U.113 | Does the action plan set out rules for reducing the mental burden from SARS-CoV-2? |        |           |        |           |                                      |
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| No. | Questions about the studied issue                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Always | Sometimes | Rarely | Unanswered | Meaning weight for OHS on a scale: 1-4 |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| U.114 | Does the action plan set out rules for communicating about the actions being implemented to reduce the likelihood of contracting SARS-CoV-2 at work?                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.115 | Does the action plan lay down rules for dealing with suspected contamination?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.116 | Is the action plan updated, taking into account the changing situation, knowledge and legal regulations?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |           |        |           |                                     |
|      | **Actions to ensure physical distance in the workplace**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.118 | Are the work stations located so that they are at least 1.5 m apart?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.119 | Are the workplaces positioned so that staff and students have their backs to each other as much as possible?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.120 | Are there any rules for the use of communication routes ensuring that the distance between the people who use them is at least 1.5 m?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.121 | Are there any rules for registering entry / exit to / from work (e.g. signing a list) ensuring a 1.5 m distance between employees?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.122 | Are there any rules for the use of places customarily intended for many employees and students (e.g. dean’s office, office, tool dispensing points) ensuring that a distance of 1.5 m between employees staying there is kept?                                                                                                                                                                           |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.123 | Have rules for the use of social and hygienic-sanitary rooms been defined, ensuring that a distance of 1.5 m between employees and students staying there is kept?                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.124 | Are employees allowed to work remotely where possible?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |        |           |        |           |                                     |
|      | **Performing works that require direct contact**                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.125 | Is there a permanent composition of teams carrying out work requiring direct contact between employees and students?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.126 | Whether in workplaces that require long, direct contact with people from outside the University (e.g. customers, suppliers) there are partitions (transparent screens, e.g. glass or plastic) to separate workers from these people?                                                                                                                                                               |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.127 | Has there been a requirement to limit the time of direct contact between employees, students and people outside the workplace (e.g. customers, suppliers) to max. 15 min?                                                                                                                                                                                                         |        |           |        |           |                                     |
| U.128 | Has a requirement been introduced for the use of personal protective equipment (protective masks, helmets, disposable gloves, goggles, as well as gowns and overalls) by employees, students performing work requiring long direct contact with people from outside the university (e.g. customers, suppliers)? |        |           |        |           |                                     |
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| No. | Questions about the studied issue                                                                 | Always | Sometimes | Rarely | Unanswered | Meaning weight for OHS on a scale: 1-4 |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| -1- |                                                                                                 | -1-    | -2-       | -3-    | -4-        | -5-                                 |
| U.129 | Have meetings and conferences requiring the physical presence of employees or students been replaced with tele- or videoconferences? |         |           |        |            |                                     |

**Part B**

Assessment of actions and behavior of direct management, e.g. works manager

| U.130 | Did the management meet the safety and health requirements?                                      |        |           |        |            |                                     |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| U.131 | Did the management meet the safety and health protection requirements for the workplace?       |        |           |        |            |                                     |

Assessment of the role and significance of factors influencing safety and health protection at construction workplaces

| W.132 | What factors will be decisive when taking up a new/changing job:                                  |        |           |        |            |                                     |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|--------|------------|-------------------------------------|
|       | • safe and healthy working conditions                                                            |        |           |        |            |                                     |
|       | • remuneration                                                                                   |        |           |        |            |                                     |
|       | • job security                                                                                   |        |           |        |            |                                     |
|       | • work hours                                                                                     |        |           |        |            |                                     |
| W.133 | Do you think that ignorance and non-compliance with health and safety rules and regulations may cause a bad condition or deterioration of health or even death? |        |           |        |            |                                     |
| W.134 | Does informing employees about safety and health protection during work affect the level of health and safety at work? |        |           |        |            |                                     |
| W.135 | Are the health and safety conditions at work being / will / will be improved?                     |        |           |        |            |                                     |

In the future, both the map and the questionnaire can be extended by one more point W - the area of financial security in the field of social sciences in the discipline of economics and finance, whose task will be to analyze the feasibility of each point from the structure of the ohs knowledge map (A - U points), taking into account sources of their financing. This would be another new area to research. Based on the widely available information published on the subject of economic and financial situation of business entities (e.g. published financial statements in the Court and Economic Monitor, or audit documentation of the auditor of selected entities), it would be possible to analyze the financial security of the discussed issues.

3 Conclusions

To develop the structure of the ohs knowledge map, national legal regulations, European Union directives and guidelines of the International Labor Organization on safety and health protection in construction as well as the practical experience of the authors were used. The universal aspect of knowledge and its components was assumed. This assumption results from the specificity of construction works, the variety of construction objects and the complexity
of the investment process in construction and allows for its quick adaptation in all organizations participating in the individual stages of the construction investment process. Questionnaires will be used to assess the level of knowledge and awareness of students about the risks in the area of safety and security in the construction industry using the ohs knowledge map. The results will allow to plan activities increasing the level of students' knowledge in the field of ohs, as well as link this field of knowledge in the future with the basic knowledge outlined by the field of social sciences. The latter is the discipline of economics and finance, and therefore necessary for a comprehensive analysis of the issues specified in the ohs knowledge map subject to analysis in the way specified in the questionnaire, so that after starting work in the construction industry, they will be familiar with the health and safety regulations.

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