

EU Project ErgoHair VS/2017/0077





This project was developed with the support of the EU Commission. Ergonomic equipment must guarantee that working from wrong postures is avoided (arms above the shoulders, bent back...)

- · Make ergonomics visible for people who are looking for it.
- Take into account the KIS principle: Keep it simple
- · Producers/suppliers should stress the importance of ergonomics much more during the sale to hairdressers.
- Ergonomics should be presented much more as a competitive advantage for the employers. Stress the aspect of cost savings. Costs are an important factor for the employers. Absent employees cost the employer a lot of money. Even worse, the team becomes smaller which can cause stress for the remaining hairdressers...
- · Ergonomics should also be linked more to higher quality.
- Ensure a reliable and independent institution that evaluates if equipment meet the ergonomic standards, so that employers can make better and easier choices.
- · It would be good if European norms for hairdressing material/equipment, or at least a manual, would exist.
- When drafting EU-norms, it is important though that these norms would be useful for all European countries (for example, hairdressers in the North are on average taller than those in the South).
- It would be good if it turns out that there is no good equipment available that new equipment would be developed. (For the hairdressing saddle stool, wheels need to be developed which are hair-proof.)