



| Update from Belgium



It was June 2014 when INAMI/RIZIV of Belgium first signed a license agreement with NIDMAR to adopt the IDMSC Standards and Professional Program – please see IDMSC Communiqué Vol. 8 No. 24: https://www.nidmar.ca/news/news_articles/IDMSC%20Communiqué%20Vol%208%20No%2024%20Belgium%20Adopts%20IDMSC%20Standards%20July%202014.pdf

In 2022, Belgium introduced legislation that all individuals working as Return to Work Coordinators are required to complete the Certificate Program in Disability Management offered under license through INAMI/RIZIV, the National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance, the federal social security system of Belgium.

In 2023, the Minister for Civil Service Affairs launched an initiative to establish a network of Disability Managers within the federal government. The goal is to appoint at least two individuals having the CDMP designation within each federal department. The first group obtained their certification this year and a second group is currently completing the training.

Included in the student body are three main groups of individuals: Return to Work Coordinators from the sickness funds which are responsible for coordinating the return to work process; Disability Managers from the federal public service; and other professionals such as human resources, paramedics, psychologists, occupational physicians, etc.

New Graduates

On June 12, an official presentation took place, presenting individuals with the CRTWC and CDMP Certificates. This is the eighth year that this award ceremony has taken place.

This year, 44 individuals who have the relevant work experience and who completed the training obtained their certificates for the CRTWC and CDMP professional designations.

There are currently 141 individuals with the designations in Belgium and 747 students have participated in the training program.