

Results of the Research on Prevention of Mobbing/Bullying as a Psycho-Social Stressor when Implementing Corporate Social Responsibility

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Abstract

This paper examines the results of the empirical research aimed to identify the prevalence of mobbing/bullying as a psycho-social stressor in socially responsible organizations as well as in the ones that do not adhere to a sense of corporate social responsibility. The aim of the research: to identify the prevalence of MBPS in organizations carrying corporate social responsibility and in organizations not practicing corporate social responsibility. The objectives of the research: (1) to validate the methodology of the research specifying the structure of the instrument; (2) to present the psychosomatic characteristics of the instrument; (3) to assess the prevalence of MBPS in regard to socio-demographic criteria. The methods of the research: analysis and synthesis of scientific literature, questionnaire survey based on validated questionnaire, statistical analysis and comparison. The paper presents the introduction, the methodology of the research, the psycho-metric characteristics of the questionnaire and the socio-demographic data from the respondents as well other aspects in regard to the data.

Keywords: Mobbing, Bullying, Corporate social responsibility, Psychosocial stressor, Prevention

1. Introduction

1.1 Research Relevance

Highly positive attitudes about corporate social responsibility that organizations integrate into their operations frequently prevail in society. It is considered such organizations should set a pattern for all others in regard to corporate social responsibility they have made it to be their primary focuses. However, as it appears, even these organizations cannot avoid the problem of mobbing/bullying. Nonetheless, research on this issue to be analyzed in the context of corporate social responsibility is not abundant. It is of relevance to analyze the extent to which this phenomenon is prevalent in organizations carrying social responsibility as well as in those that have not declared corporate social responsibility. No less significant is the analysis of employee's socio-demographic characteristics, i.e., how the problem of mobbing/bullying reveals itself in a socio-demographic aspect when implementing corporate social responsibility. This is of significance if compared with the results of other surveys and when preparing recommendations for change.

1.2 Research Problem

The extent of mobbing/bullying as a psycho-social stressor (hereafter MBPS) prevalence in organizations having the status of corporate social responsibility (hereafter CSR) and in organizations not having the status of corporate social responsibility as well as the dissemination of the percentage of employees' acceptance in regard to the socio-demographic characteristics and their components.

1.3 Problem Research Level

The research on diagnosing mobbing in relationships between employees is extremely abundant when analyzing this issue in the work of nurses (Yildirim, A., Yildirim, D., 2007; Efe, Ayaz, 2010; Motlova, Lemrova, 2013; Baran Aksakal et al., 2015; etc.), as well as in the field of professional activity of education, in academic community (Faria

et al., 2012; Sotomayor, Pando, 2014; etc.). A number of studies, which do not distinguish areas of professional activity when analyzing the phenomenon of mobbing, were carried out (Cramaruc, 2011; Žukauskas et al., 2015). Some of the workplace mobbing studies highlights the gender aspect (Escartin et al., 2013; Mulder et al., 2014; etc.). They also deal with the cases of employees' health (de Pedro et al. 2008), diseases caused by mobbing, and suicide cases (Hugh, 2011).

2. Research Methodology

The questionnaire made up by the authors of this paper was checked up carrying the pilot research (N=301) (Vveinhardt, Andriukaitienė, 2015). Although the psychometric characteristics of the questionnaire have been set quite high, it was the authors' decision to apply a few slight corrections. Thus, it was reasonable to appropriately test it in the case of a larger sample (N=1512). Table 1 provides a detailed structure of the instrument used in this research.

Table 1. The Instrument Structure

Parts of Questionnaire	Categories	Sub-categories	N item		Authors	
Mobbing / bullying as a psycho-social stressor	Factors related to the relations among employees	Communication of employees	8	63	Malinauskienė (2004);	
		Isolation of employees	7		Malinauskienė et al. (2005);	
		Reputation of employees	7		Bagdonienė, Paulavičienė	
		Demography of employees	9		(2010); Gudžinskienė,	
		Employees' views	5		Trainienė (2009);	
		Demography of employees	6		Vveinhardt (2011);	
		Employees' sense of well-being	15		Vveinhardt, Žukauskas	
	Factors related to the nature of tasks, work content and work evaluation	The nature of tasks	The nature of tasks	7	20	Jonušauskas (2013);
			Work content	7		Diržytė et al. (2014);
			Work evaluation	6		Gustainienė et al. (2014);
	Factors related to work organization and work management	Work organization	Work organization	5	12	Vveinhardt, Andriukaitienė
			Work management	7		(2015); etc.
	Factors related to physical work environment and work conditions	Physical environment of the work	Physical environment of the work	7	14	Stankiuvienė et al. (2006);
			Work conditions	7		Usonis (2007); Lazutka et al. (2008); Tartilaitė (2008); Liaudanskienė et al. (2009); Šukys et al. (2011); Klumbytė (2011); Dėjus (2011); etc.
Corporate social responsibility	The behavior of a socially responsible organization	Services and their quality	6	32	Marčinskas, Seiliūtė	
		Information for consumers, health and safety	5		(2008); Česynienė et al.	
		Responsibility for environment	7		(2011); Simanavičienė et al.	
		Responsibility in the relations with the public	7		(2011); Navickas,	
		Responsibility in the relations with the employees	7		Kontautienė (2013);	
	The behavior of a socially responsible employee	Responsibility of the employees against consumers	Responsibility of the employees against consumers	5	16**	Vveinhardt, Andriukaitienė
Relations of the employees with clients			6	(2014); Vveinhardt et al.		
Employees' approach to environmental protection			5*	(2014); etc.		
Total:	6 categories	23 sub-categories	157 items			

Notes:

*The pilot research included 4 items; "Motivating employees financially would encourage ideas and initiatives for environment protection" is a new integrated item;

** The pilot research included 15 items.

The information that was retrieved from the questionnaire sub-categories presented in detail gives an overall picture of what it might be possible to focus on with the help of this instrument. The items of the sub-categories alongside the research results will be presented in the next section of this paper. Some questionnaire items were formulated with reference to the publications by the authors whose names can be seen in Table 1.

2.1 Questionnaire Psychometric Characteristics

The psychometric characteristics of the questionnaire were checked by calculating the percentage of the explained dissemination, Cronbach alpha and Spearman Brown coefficients as well as by measuring factorial weight and the percentage of the explained dissemination at three levels (minimum, maximum and medium).

Table 2. Sub-category Methodological Quality Characteristics of Factors Related to the Relations among Employees (N min = 1512; N max = 1512 of 1512)

Sub-categories Items	N items	Explained dissemination %	Cronbach alpha	Spearman- Brown	Factorial weight (L)			Whole unit correlation (r/itt)		
					mean	min	max	mean	min	max
Communication of employees	8	58.80	0.89	0.79	0.76	0.66	0.84	0.58	0.36	0.92
Isolation of employees	7	71.24	0.93	0.90	0.84	0.82	0.88	0.71	0.60	0.88
Reputation of employees	7	68.46	0.92	0.90	0.83	0.74	0.86	0.68	0.52	0.87
Demography of employees	9	70.97	0.95	0.92	0.84	0.72	0.90	0.71	0.48	0.88
Employees' views	5	71.15	0.90	0.84	0.84	0.77	0.89	0.71	0.46	0.90
Damage suffered by employees	6	76.23	0.94	0.89	0.87	0.81	0.92	0.76	0.60	0.91
Employees' sense of well-being	15	59.26	0.95	0.92	0.77	0.67	0.84	0.59	0.30	0.83
Employees' intentions	6	69.33	0.91	0.89	0.83	0.69	0.90	0.69	0.48	0.89

As it can be seen from the research results presented in Table 2, Cronbach alpha coefficient values in these sub-categories are rather high, i.e., range from 0.89 (minimum value in the category) to 0.95 (the maximum value in the category). Cronbach alpha coefficient value should not be lower than 0.7. The explained factor dispersion in the sub-categories presented in the Table takes the interval: 58.80 – 76.2 per cent, which shows a rather high level of the respondents' acceptance as the explained factor dispersion must be greater than the allowable lowest 10 per cent limit. Here the minimum factor weight ranges from 0.66 to 0.82. It should be noted that even the lowest factorial weight exceeds the minimum limit of 0.3. The whole unit correlation just confirms that there is a consistent correlation between the questionnaire items and the named sub-category as r/itt average ranges from 0.58 to 0.76; as it is known, the whole unit correlation should not be less than 0.2.

Table 3. Sub-category Methodological Quality Characteristics of Factors Related to the Nature of Tasks, Work Content and Work Evaluation (N min = 1512; N max = 1512 of 1512)

Sub-categories Items	N items	Explained dissemination %	Cronbach alpha	Spearman- Brown	Factorial weight (L)			Whole unit correlation (r/itt)		
					mean	min	max	mean	min	max
The nature of tasks	7	61.61	0.89	0.84	0.78	0.61	0.86	0.61	0.26	0.85
Work content	7	50.82	0.84	0.71	0.71	0.62	0.84	0.49	0.19	0.82
Work evaluation	6	69.81	0.91	0.88	0.83	0.78	0.86	0.69	0.52	0.87

The research results in Table 3 show that the Cronbach alpha coefficient values in the named subcategories are high (from 0.84 to 0.91). The explained factor dispersion ranges from 50.82 to 69.81. Minimum factorial weight is 0.61 – 0.78, the correlation average of the whole unit is from 0.49 to 0.69, which makes it possible to diagnose that the items of sub-categories are closely interrelated.

Table 4. Sub-category Methodological Quality Characteristics of Factors Related to Work Organization and Work Management (N min = 1512; N max = 1512 of 1512)

Sub-categories Items	N items	Explained dissemination %	Cronbach alpha	Spearman- Brown	Factorial weight (L)			Whole unit correlation (r/itt)		
					mean	min	max	mean	min	max
Work organization	5	72.54	0.91	0.86	0.85	0.81	0.89	0.72	0.59	0.89
Work management	7	74.08	0.94	0.92	0.86	0.83	0.88	0.74	0.63	0.88

Notes:

All the items were recoded

Table 5. Sub-category Methodological Quality Characteristics of Factors Related to Physical Environment of the Work and Work Conditions (N min = 1512; N max = 1512 of 1512)

Sub-categories	N items	Explained dissemination %	Cronbach alpha	Spearman-Brown	Factorial weight (L)			Whole unit correlation (r/itt)		
					mean	min	max	mean	min	max
Physical environment of the work	7	62.46	0.90	0.85	0.79	0.73	0.85	0.62	0.40	0.84
Work conditions	7	60.00	0.89	0.86	0.77	0.62	0.86	0.59	0.34	0.84

Notes:

All the items were recoded

The analysis of the research results presented in Table 4 and Table 5 show that the stronger acceptance by the respondents is seen with regard to work management, i.e., both the explained factor dispersion (74.08) and Cronbach alpha (0.92) coefficient values are rather high (in the sub-categories of the category named “Factors related to work organization and work management” (Table 4). Even though the indicators of the ‘work organization’ sub-category are slightly lower, however, the value of Cronbach alpha coefficient is also rather high 0.86, but in this case the explained factor dispersion is slightly lower (72.5), if to compare the two latter subcategories. The minimum factorial weight in the sub-categories of this category is in accordance with the requirements of questionnaires as its values range from 0.81 to 0.83, while the correlation average of the whole unit ranges from 0.72 to 0.74. As far as it can be seen from the analysis of the sub-category psychometric characteristics in the category named “Factors related to the physical work environment and work conditions” (Table 5), physical environment of the work has been valued 62.4 per cent (the explained dissemination per cent), while Cronbach alpha coefficient value is 0.90. The indicators of the work conditions sub-category are slightly lower; however, the value of Cronbach alpha coefficient is also rather high 0.89 while the explained dissemination is 60 per- cent. The value of minimum factorial weight ranges from 0.62 to 0.73 and the correlation average of the whole unit ranges from 0.59 to 0.62. Thus, it can be stated that the indicators of the analyzed categories comply with the essential requirements of questionnaire reliability.

Table 6. Sub-category Methodological Quality Characteristics of Factors Related to the Behavior of a Socially Responsible Organization (N min = 1512; N max = 1512 of 1512)

Sub-categories	N items	Explained dissemination %	Cronbach alpha	Spearman-Brown	Factorial weight (L)			Whole unit correlation (r/itt)		
					mean	min	max	mean	min	max
Services and their quality	6	68.83	0.91	0.85	0.83	0.79	0.87	0.68	0.51	0.86
Information for consumers, health and safety	5	72.78	0.91	0.87	0.85	0.82	0.89	0.72	0.58	0.88
Responsibility for environment	7	69.60	0.93	0.88	0.83	0.74	0.89	0.69	0.50	0.88
Responsibility in the relations with the public	7	65.03	0.92	0.91	0.81	0.74	0.87	0.64	0.41	0.85
Responsibility in the relations with the employees	7	63.14	0.90	0.86	0.79	0.67	0.84	0.62	0.41	0.83

The results in Table 6 show that the value of Cronbach alpha coefficient in the analyzed sub-categories varies from 0.90 to 0.93. The explained factor dispersion is also very high, i.e., the lowest per cent is 63.14 and the highest per cent is 72.78. The minimum factorial weight of the sub-categories within the category is 0.67 (minimum value) – 0.82 (maximum value). The whole unit correlation shows that the lowest average is 0.62 and the highest average is 0.72, thus, confirming the fact that the questionnaire statements are in correlation with the named sub-categories and that the statements of the sub-categories are in close interrelation.

Table 7. Sub-category Methodological Quality Characteristics of Factors Related to the Behavior of a Socially Responsible Employee (N min = 1214; N max = 1512 of 1512)

Sub-categories	N items	Explained dissemination %	Cronbach alpha	Spearman-Brown	Factorial weight (L)			Whole unit correlation (r/itt)		
					mean	min	max	mean	min	max
Responsibility of the employees against consumers	5	76.14	0.92	0.88	0.87	0.83	0.92	0.76	0.62	0.91
Responsibility of the employees against customers	6	78.61	0.95	0.89	0.89	0.80	0.92	0.78	0.60	0.92
Employees' approach to environmental protection	5	59.10	0.81	0.76	0.75	0.43	0.86	0.56	0.20	0.83

Notes:

All the items of Scale 1 and Scale 3 were recoded

As it can be seen from the sub-category methodological quality characteristics of the factors related to the behavior of a socially responsible employee presented in Table 7 that Cronbach alpha coefficient value is from 0.81 to 0.95. It proves notable internal consistency of the questionnaire sub-categories. The explained factor dispersion ranges from 59.10 per cent to 76.1 per cent. The minimum factorial weight in these subcategories varies from 0.43 to 0.83. The correlation average of the whole unit within the sub-categories is 0.56 – 0.76.

Table 8. The Instrument Sub-category Methodological Quality Characteristics in Regard to Explained Dissemination Percentage and Cronbach Alpha Coefficient

Sub-categories	Explained dissemination %	Sub-categories	Cronbach alpha
Relations of employees with the clients	78.61	Relations of the employees with clients	0.95
Damage suffered by employees	76.23	Employees' sense of well-being	0.95
Responsibility of the employees against consumers	76.14	Demography of employees	0.95
Work management	74.08	Damage suffered by employees	0.94
Information for consumers, health and safety	72.78	Work management	0.94
Work organization	72.54	Isolation of employees	0.93
Isolation of employees	71.24	Responsibility for environment	0.93
Employees' views	71.15	Employees' responsibility against consumers	0.92
Demography of employees	70.97	Reputation of employees	0.92
Sub-categories	From 60 to 70%	Responsibility in the relations with the public	0.92
Work evaluation	69.81	Information for consumers, health and safety	0.91
Responsibility for environment	69.60	Work organization	0.91
Employees' intentions	69.33	Work evaluation	0.91
Services and their quality	68.83	Employees' intentions	0.91
Reputation of employees	68.46	Services and their quality	0.91
Responsibility in the relations with the public	65.03	Employees' views	0.90
Responsibility in the relations with the employees	63.14	Responsibility in the relations with the employees	0.90
Physical environment of the work	62.46	Physical environment of the work	0.90
The nature of tasks	61.61	—	—
Work conditions	60.00	—	—
Sub-categories	From 50 to 60%	Sub-categories	Over 0.80
Employees' sense of well-being	59.26	The nature of tasks	0.89
Employees' approach to environmental protection	59.10	Work conditions	0.89
Communication of employees	58.80	Communication of employees	0.89
Work content	50.82	Work content	0.84
—	—	Employees' approach to environmental protection	0.81

Looking at the overall picture of the instrument in regard to the psychometric characteristics, certain qualitative points can be highlighted. In order to summarize the results retrieved from the psychometric characteristics, the comparison of the instrument sub-categories was made (Table 8). The highest per cent of the explained dispersion was recorded in nine subcategories (over 70 per cent), namely, employees' relations with customers, damage suffered by employees, responsibility of employees against consumers, work management, information for consumers, health

and safety, work organization, isolation of employees, employees' views and demography of employees. A high per cent (over 60 per cent) was recorded in ten subcategories: work evaluation, responsibility for environment, employees' intentions, services and their quality, reputation of employees, responsibility in the relations with the public, responsibility in the relations with the employees, physical environment of the work, the nature of tasks and work conditions. In four sub-categories the explained factor dispersion is over 50 per cent which shows notably strong respondents' acceptance: employees' sense of well-being, employees' approach to environmental protection, communication of employees and work content. The highest indicators of Cronbach alpha coefficient were recorded in eighteen sub-categories (9.00 and over), while the coefficient in the rest five sub-categories is also notably high, i.e., over 8.00.

Table 9. The Instrument Sub-category Methodological Quality Characteristics in Regard to Minimal Factorial Weight and Explained Dissemination Per cent

Sub-categories	Minimal factorial weight (L)	Sub-categories	Correlation of the whole unit (r/itt)
	Over 0.80		Over 0.70
Work management	0.83	Employees' relations with customers	0.78
Responsibility of the employees against consumers	0.83	Responsibility of the employees against consumers	0.76
Isolation of employees	0.82	Damage suffered by employees	0.76
Information for consumers, health and safety	0.82	Work management	0.74
Damage suffered by employees	0.81	Work organization	0.72
Work organization	0.81	Information for consumers, health and safety	0.72
Employees' relations with clients	0.80	Isolation of employees	0.71
—	—	Employees' views	0.71
—	—	Demography of employees	0.71
Sub-categories	Over 0.70	Sub-categories	Over 0.60
Services and their quality	0.79	Employees' intentions	0.69
Work evaluation	0.78	Work evaluation	0.69
Employees' views	0.77	Responsibility for environment	0.69
Reputation of employees	0.74	Reputation of employees	0.68
Responsibility for environment	0.74	Services and their quality	0.68
Responsibility in the relations with the public	0.74	Responsibility in the relations with the public	0.64
Physical environment of the work	0.73	Physical environment of the work	0.62
Demography of employees	0.72	Responsibility in the relations with the employees	0.62
—	—	The nature of tasks	0.61
Sub-categories	Over 0.60	Sub-categories	Over 0.50
Employees' intentions	0.69	Employees' sense of well-being	0.59
Employees' sense of well-being	0.67	Work conditions	0.59
Responsibility in the relations with the employees	0.67	Communication of employees	0.58
Communication of employees	0.66	Relations of the employees with clients	0.56
Work content	0.62	—	—
Work conditions	0.62	—	—
The nature of tasks	0.61	—	—
Sub-categories	Over 0.40	Sub-categories	Over 0.40
Employees' approach to environmental protection	0.43	Work content	0.49

In the overall context of the instrument the minimum factorial weight varies from 0.43 to 0.83. The factorial weight is 0.43 in just one sub-category, i.e., the employees' approach to environmental protection. The correlation average of the whole unit, in regard to the subcategories, is rather high, too, i.e., from 0.49 to 0.78. The minimum average was

recorded in just one sub-category, i.e., the content of work (Table 9).

Table 10. The Correlation Indicators between MBPS and CSR (Nmin = 1244; Nmax = 1512)

Parts of Questionnaire	CSR								
MBPS	Sub-categories	Services and their quality	Information for consumers, health and safety	Responsibility for environment	Responsibility in the relations with the public	Responsibility in the relations with the employees	Responsibility of the employees against consumers	Relations of the employees with clients	Employees' approach to environmental protection
		Communication of employees	-0.146**	-0.123**	-0.084**	-0.153**	-0.169**	-0.228**	-0.084**
		0.000	0.000	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.003	0.000
Isolation of employees	-0.241**	-0.234**	-0.147**	-0.197**	-0.248**	-0.229**	-0.125**	-0.179**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Reputation of employees	-0.210**	-0.207**	-0.123**	-0.180**	-0.266**	-0.285**	-0.132**	-0.203**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Demography of employees	-0.216**	-0.198**	-0.107**	-0.148**	-0.126**	-0.317**	-0.187**	-0.158**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Employees' views	-0.223**	-0.241**	-0.130**	-0.189**	-0.203**	-0.282**	-0.152**	-0.164**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Damage suffered by employees	-0.343**	-0.305**	-0.167**	-0.231**	-0.219**	-0.376**	-0.180**	-0.228**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Employees' sense of well-being	-0.314**	-0.280**	-0.176**	-0.275**	-0.359**	-0.366**	-0.107**	-0.263**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Employees' intentions	-0.342**	-0.295**	-0.265**	-0.346**	-0.361**	-0.389**	-0.210**	-0.300**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
The nature of tasks	-0.200**	-0.175**	-0.145**	-0.150**	-0.252**	-0.294**	-0.066*	-0.215**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.000	
Work content	-0.078**	-0.111**	-0.100**	-0.162**	-0.274**	-0.194**	0.050	-0.208**	
		0.002	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.081	0.000	
Work evaluation	-0.184**	-0.179**	-0.140**	-0.226**	-0.355**	-0.266**	-0.089**	-0.222**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.002	0.000	
Work organization	-0.513**	-0.482**	-0.420**	-0.429**	-0.488**	-0.295**	-0.300**	-0.223**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Work management	-0.501**	-0.480**	-0.420**	-0.480**	-0.598**	-0.317**	-0.287**	-0.243**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Physical environment of the work	-0.490**	-0.474**	-0.388**	-0.382**	-0.432**	-0.296**	-0.343**	-0.159**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	
Work conditions	-0.550**	-0.471**	-0.467**	-0.409**	-0.546**	-0.223**	-0.276**	-0.205**	
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	

Notes:

** - statistical significance level $\alpha = 0.01$ (hereafter $\alpha = 0.01$)

* - statistical significance level $\alpha = 0.05$ (hereafter $\alpha = 0.05$)

Spearman correlation coefficient	Relationship
0.4 < r <= 0.6	medium-strength
0.2 < r <= 0.4	weak
0.1 <= r <= 0.2	very weak

As it can be seen from the research results presented in Table 10, the correlation indicators between MBPS and CSR in certain subcategories are not high but the reliability $p=0.000$, which proves that the relationship is statistically significant. The relationship of medium strength was recorded between the work organization, the work management, the physical environment of the work, the work conditions and service quality and information for consumers, health and safety (corporate social responsibility, hereafter CSR) sub-categories. The sub-category of work organization (MBPS) has a medium correlation with the CSR sub-category of responsibility in the relations with the employees. The work management (MBPS) sub-category correlates with the responsibility in relations with the public as well as responsibility in the relations with the employees CSR sub-categories. The sub-category of the work conditions (MBPS) has a medium strength correlation with the sub-categories of the responsibility for environment and the responsibility in the relations with the employees.

3. Results

1512 employees representing 34 organizations participated in the research. The socio-demographic information on the respondents is presented in the tables below:

Table 11. Socio-demographic information on the respondents

Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Male	521	34.5%
Female	991	65.5%
Total:	1512	100%
Nationality	Frequency	Percentage
Lithuanian	1500	99.3%
Russian	5	0.3%
Polish	5	0.3%
Other	2	0.1%
Total:	1512	100%
Age	Frequency	Percentage
18-25 years old	115	7.7%
26-30 years old	206	13.6%
31-35 years old	191	12.6%
36-40 years old	256	16.9%
41-45 years old	269	17.8%
46-50 years old	206	13.6%
51-60 years old	235	15.5%
Over 61 years old	34	2.3%
Total:	1512	100%
Marital Status	Frequency	Percentage
Single	223	14.7%
Married	918	60.7%
Divorced	196	13.0%
In cohabitation	175	11.6%
Total:	1512	100%
Education	Frequency	Percentage
Higher	698	46.2%
Advanced vocational training	479	31.7%
Professional	183	12.1%
Compulsory	149	9.9%
Primary	3	0.1%
Total:	1512	100%
Working Experience	Frequency	Percentage
Up to 1 year	68	4.5%
1-3 years	148	9.8%
4-7 years	239	15.8%
8-10 years	273	18.1%

11-15 years	238	15.7%
16-20 years	208	13.8%
Over 21 years	338	22.3%
Total:	1512	100%
Work position	Frequency	Percentage
Top-level leadership	44	2.9%
Leadership at the medial level	257	17.0%
Leadership at the lowest level	168	11.1%
Ordinary employee/staff/expert	1043	69.0%
Total:	1512	100%
Work Specifics	Frequency	Percentage
Services, direct communication with customers and waiters	1065	70.4%
Technical and physical work	447	29.6%
Total:	1512	100%
Number of Employees	Frequency	Percentage
Up to 10 employees	65	4.3%
11-50 employees	397	26.4%
51-250 employees	757	50.2%
More than 251 employees	287	19.1%
Total:	1506	100%
Sector	Frequency	Percentage
Private sector	753	49.8%
Public sector	759	50.2%
Total:	1512	100%
Organization	Frequency	Percentage
Seeking to integrate a corporate social responsibility	329	21.8%
Carrying a corporate social responsibility	354	23.4%
Does not seek to integrate a social responsibility	44	2.9%
I do not know	785	51.9%
Total:	1512	100%

As it can be seen from the distribution of the results, the research was mainly attended by the respondent Lithuanian employees; the distribution of the respondents according to the age groups is more or less equal, with the exception of the age groups 18-25 and over the age of 61. According to the marital status, the highest proportion is of the respondents living in the marriage. With regard to education, the groups of the respondents having acquired higher and advanced professional education dominate. According to the work position, 69 per cent of the research respondents are regular employees/staff/experts, but much less is the per cent of the respondents in the leading positions. It was on the basis of the work subject specifics that the research aimed to identify what part of the respondents have a direct contact with clients, because this factor appeared to be quite significant from the results of the previous research in order to determine the prevalence of mobbing/bullying. The respondents doing the technical and physical work make 29 per cent. In order to identify the size of the organization, the item in accordance with the number of the employees was included into the questionnaire. As it can be seen from the results in Table 11, half of the respondents work in the organizations employing from 51 to 250, i.e. 50.2 per cent. By the sector the organizations belong to, as it can be seen, the distribution is equal. The distribution of the responses to the item about the status of their organization is especially significant in regard to the social responsibility aspect, as nearly 51, 9 per cent of the respondents claimed they did not know.

Table 12. MBPS and CSR with Regard to Employee Gender

Categories	Male (N = 521)	Female (N = 991)	t-test checking results	
			t	p
Factors related to the relations among employees	0.05	-0.03	1.358	0.175
Factors related to the nature of tasks, work content and the work	-0.06	0.03	-1.617	0.106
Factors related to work organization and work management	0.05	-0.03	1.449	0.148
Factors related to physical work environment and work conditions	0.02	-0.01	0.583	0.560
The behavior of a socially responsible organization	-0.06	0.03	-1.621	0.105
The behavior of a socially responsible employee	-0.08	0.04	-2.188	0.029*

Notes:

* $\alpha = 0.05$

** $\alpha = 0.01$

The analysis of the research results (Table 12) show that in most cases the employee gender is not statistically significant even though the values send a signal of some differences. Applying Student criterion (t-test) of the statistical significance level 0.05, it was recorded that the employee gender is a statistically valuable factor just in regard to the behavior of a socially responsible employee. This method does not highlight the reasons from the deep, however, the analysis shows that the differences become apparent in the behavior of employees (the estimates for men are negative, while the estimates for women are positive), even though the statistical indicators of the other categories do not show this. The other surveys on mobbing/bullying (Žukauskas, Vveinhardt, 2009; Vveinhardt, Štreimikienė, 2016) revealed the complicity of the estimation with regard to gender which could be explained by the differences of the roles perceived by men and women.

Table 13. MBPS and CSR with Regard to Work Position

Categories	Leaders (N = 469)	Employees/ officers/ specialists (N = 1043)	t-test checking results	
			t	p
Factors related to the relations among employees	0.10	-0.04	2.367	0.018*
Factors related to the nature of tasks, work content and the work	0.16	-0.07	4.016	0.000**
Factors related to work organization and work management	0.00	0.00	-0.035	0.972
Factors related to physical work environment and work conditions	-0.13	0.06	-3.349	0.001**
The behavior of a socially responsible organization	0.16	-0.07	4.105	0.000**
The behavior of a socially responsible employee	0.14	-0.06	3.409	0.001**

Notes:

* $\alpha = 0.05$

** $\alpha = 0.01$

In regard with this, two groups of employees were made, i.e., of the leading staff/positions and subordinate employees (Table 13). Applying a single factor disperse analysis One-way ANOVA, strong and statistically valuable differences between the criterion of mobbing / bullying as a psychosocial stressor and the criterion of a corporate social responsibility have been identified in dependence of the position taken in an organization. A position in an organization (leadership or subordinate) is not statistically significant just in assessing the factor related to work organization and the factor of work management. At the level of an ordinary employee status, a major non-acceptance of the items in the categories have been identified by the respondents, with the exception of the factor related to work organization and work management as well as the factors related to physical work environment and work conditions.

Table 14. MBPS and CSR with Regard to Employee Work Specifics

Categories	Providing service (N = 1065)	Technical, physical work (N = 447)	t-test checking results	
			t	p
Factors related to the relations among employees	-0.02	0.06	-1.478	0.140
Factors related to the nature of tasks, work content and the work	0.02	-0.04	0.975	0.330
Factors related to work organization and work management	-0.02	0.04	-1.040	0.298
Factors related to physical work environment and work conditions	-0.01	0.02	-0.646	0.519
The behavior of a socially responsible organization	-0.01	0.02	-0.406	0.685
The behavior of a socially responsible employee	0.08	-0.18	4.570	0.000**

Notes:

* $\alpha = 0.05$ ** $\alpha = 0.01$

Quite differently from the post taken in the workplace, the nature of the task is statistically significant just in one aspect from the six (Table 14). Applying a single factor disperse analysis One-way ANOVA, a reliable relationship of statistical significance was recorded in the category of the behavior of a socially responsible employee; the positive and the negative values were significantly different. The respondents doing technical and physical tasks gave a negative evaluation of the items included into the category of socially responsible behavior.

Table 15. MBPS and CSR with Regard to Sector

Categories	Individual sector (N = 753)	Public sector (N = 759)	t-test checking results	
			t	p
Factors related to the relations among employees	-0.02	0.02	-0.812	0.417
Factors related to the nature of tasks, work content and the work	-0.01	0.01	-0.543	0.587
Factors related to work organization and work management	-0.04	0.04	-1.448	0.148
Factors related to physical work environment and work conditions	-0.18	0.18	-7.065	0.000**
The behavior of a socially responsible organization	0.09	-0.09	3.565	0.001**
The behavior of a socially responsible employee	0.03	-0.03	1.040	0.298

Notes:

* $\alpha = 0.05$ ** $\alpha = 0.01$

While doing the research the situation was compared in the private and the public sector; for checking a single factor disperse analysis One-way ANOVA was applied (Table 15). In assessing both psychological and physical factors, statistically significant and reliable differences were identified only in regard to physical work environment and work conditions. In this case the items of the category were assessed negatively in the private sector, but they were positively assessed in the public sector. Applying other criteria, similar tendencies have emerged with regard to physical and psychological safety. Even though the behavior of a socially responsible employee in the private and the public sector is not statistically significant, this difference is more prominent in the assessment of socially responsible organizations. Unlike in the case of the private sector organizations, the respondents of the public sector gave a negative evaluation of the statements.

Socio-demographic indicators show general trends, however, it is worth taking a deeper look at the results of this research and to evaluate some controversial points that might be of significance in the context of the expectations related to the context of CSR organizations as well as of organizations that have not declared a corporate social responsibility (See the values in Table 16 and Table 17).

Table 16. MBPS: 15 Sub-categories as an Expression of Corporate Seeking to Become/ not to Become Socially Responsible

Sub-categories	Categories	e soc iall y res po to be soc iall do not kn
Communication of employees		0.19 -0.15 -0.50 0.02
Isolation of employees		0.13 -0.07 -0.29 0.00
Reputation of employees	Factors related to the relations among employees	0.06 -0.06 -0.40 0.02
Demography of employees		0.18 -0.05 -0.33 -0.03
Employees' views		0.12 -0.02 -0.25 -0.03
Damage suffered by employees		0.07 -0.08 -0.31 0.02
Employees' sense of well-being		0.16 -0.14 -0.27 0.01
Employees' intentions		0.05 -0.14 0.03 0.04
The nature of tasks	Factors related to the nature of tasks, work content and the work	0.24 -0.10 -0.33 -0.04
Work content		0.09 -0.02 -0.39 -0.01
Work evaluation		0.10 -0.01 -0.28 -0.02
Work organization	Factors related to work organization and work management	-0.08 -0.09 -0.05 0.07
Work management		-0.08 -0.17 0.29 0.10
Physical environment of the work	Factors related to physical work environment and work conditions	-0.15 -0.12 0.20 0.11
Work conditions		-0.12 -0.18 0.36 0.11

Notes:

Statistical estimates

z < -0.25

z > 0.25

However paradoxical it may seem, the statistical estimates show the problems of mobbing/bullying as a social stressor are more effectively solved by the organizations that have not declared corporate social responsibility rather than by socially responsible organizations or by the ones that strive for this status. It means that the psychosocial well-being of employees is not a crucial factor for CSR organizations or the ones seeking for such status in the context of CSR. On the other side, CSR organizations as well as the organizations seeking for this status usually organize the processes of work management and the work conditions better (except the criterion of the physical conditions of the work), however, they do not evaluate the aspects of safety with regard to negative relations and the quality of management. The reasons for that could be found in national CSR narratives oriented to environment protection and the relations with the public.

Table 17. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR): 8 Sub-categories as an Expression of Corporate Seeking to Become/ not to Become Socially Responsible

Sub-categories	Categories	e soc iall y res po to be soc iall do not kn
Services and their quality		0.09 0.18 -0.05 -0.11
Information for consumers, health and safety		0.11 0.23 -0.17 -0.14
Responsibility for environment	Behavior of a socially responsible organization	0.08 0.31 -0.38 -0.15
Responsibility in the relations with the public		0.09 0.30 -0.67 -0.13
Responsibility in the relations with the employees		0.16 0.16 -0.34 -0.12
Responsibility of the employees against consumers	Socially responsible employee behavior	0.05 0.11 -0.23 -0.06
Relations of the employees with clients		0.08 0.17 0.02 -0.11
Relations of the employees with clients		0.03 0.13 -0.10 -0.07

Notes:

Statistical estimates

z > 0.25

z < -0.25

Evaluating the positive and the negative z -values, two general tendencies can be highlighted and they both can be statistically significant. *Firstly*, organizations carrying corporate social responsibility are focused on the responsibility for environment protection and the responsibility in the relations with the public. *Secondly*, organizations that have not declared corporate social responsibility do not assess the aspects of the mentioned areas (alongside the relations with employees). Other factors, such as services and their quality, information for consumers, health and safety, the responsibility of the employees against consumers, relations of employees with the customers and the employees' approach to environmental protection are not statistically significant.

4. Conclusion and Discussion

Having analyzed the structure of the instrument in detail, it can be seen that the instrument consists of two main parts, namely, the part that deals with mobbing/bullying as a psychological stressor and the part dealing with corporate social responsibility. The part of mobbing / bullying as a psychological stressor comprises four categories: factors related to the relations among employees, factors related to the nature of tasks, the work content and work evaluation; factors related to work organization and work management and factors related to physical environment of the work and work conditions. The latter consist of fifteen subcategories that include 109 statements. The statements are aimed at identifying the communication gaps in the communication of employees, the isolation of employees, the reputation of employees and the problem of their attitudes to humiliation. This part contains the items dealing with the damage suffered by employees, employees' sense of well-being at work and, finally, the intentions of employees in regard to a definite organization, i.e., if an employee is planning to stay working there or is looking for a job in another workplace. In order to investigate the prevalence of mobbing/bullying as a psychological stressor in the workplace, not less significant is the issue of the nature of tasks and the work content as well as appropriate evaluation. This part of the questionnaire comprises the work specifics of the organization and a suitable physical environment and work conditions. The part dealing with corporate social responsibility consists of the following categories, i.e., the behavior of a socially responsible organization and the behavior of a socially responsible employee. CSR categories consist of eight sub-categories that comprise 48 statements aiming to identify not only the responsibility of the employees against consumers, the responsibility for environment and relations with customers but also the responsibility of the organizations in various aspects.

The psychometric characteristics identified in the research show high reliability of the questionnaire. The dispersion of the explained factors in all the sub-categories is higher than a required indicator of 10 per cent, i.e., varies from 50.82 (minimum result) to 78.61 (maximum result), which shows that there are no statements in the analyzed sub-categories to limit the dissemination. Cronbach alpha coefficient in all the analyzed sub-categories significantly exceed the minimal limit of 0.7, i.e., varying from 0.81 (minimum result) to 0.95 (maximum result). The minimum factorial weight in all the instrument sub-categories of the instrument notably exceeds the required limit of 0.3, i.e., in the overall context of the instrument the minimum factorial weight varies from 0.43 (minimum result) to 0.83 (maximum result), which just proves the fact that there are no unsuitable statements in the sub-categories. The correlation average of the whole unit in all the sub-categories is higher than 0.2, i.e., from 0.49 (minimum result) to 0.78 (maximum result). The correlation coefficients in regard to sub-categories are not high; however, the interrelation is statistically significant.

Having analyzed the research results in regard to the socio-demographic characteristics of employees, it has been identified that gender is not a significant factor in the assessment of the physical and psychological safety criteria; however, the notable differences are highlighted in regard to the behavior of a socially responsible employee. It means that in similar conditions men and women are likely to behave differently. Therefore mobbing /bullying as a psychosocial stressor and corporate social responsibility in accordance to the safety and the social responsibility criteria vary in dependence on the work status in the organization. On the one side, it shows that ordinary employees suffer more from the factors related to the relations among employees, the nature of tasks, the work content and the work evaluation, the physical environment of the work and work conditions. On the other side, ordinary employees, in the contrary to the leaders, tend to evaluate the social responsibility of organizations negatively and to implement this attitude in their behavior. However, the work specifics, the spheres of technical, physical and services compared, do not reveal significant differences with the exception of the behavior of a socially responsible employee. If to compare the public and the private sector, significant differences of the psychological environment have not been identified, except the aspect of the physical work environment, which is not assessed as good in the private sector organizations. The significant differences have been identified in the behavior of both public and the private sector evaluating it with regard to a social responsibility. The organizations in the public sector are likely to behave with more social responsibility than the private sector organizations that, as it has been mentioned, provide poorer physical conditions of work. On the other side, this does not presuppose the differences in the behavior of employees

in the public and the private sector.

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