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EU-OsHA activities and core projects

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Meeting with National Partners’ Network
EU-OSHA Structure

- Governing Board
- Advisory groups (Board appointed)
  - Communication and promotion
  - Prevention and research
- Expert groups (Focal point appointed)
- Campaign partners
  - Pan-European organisations
  - Media partners
- Focal point network
  - Focal points in EU Member States and candidate countries
  - Appointed by governments
  - Manage national tripartite network

EU-OSHA contractors

European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

BILBAO
Focal Points

- Requirement in Founding Regulation of EU-OSHA to establish a focal point in each Member State
- Appointed by government, typically the Labour Inspectorate
- For the day-to-day communication, a focal point manager is appointed (but the focal point is the institution)
- The focal point runs a national network, including social partners
- Focal points play a key role in the planning and, particularly, in the implementation of the work programme
- Some necessary elements:
  - Focal points have to be properly resourced
  - Agency activities have to be relevant to the Member State
  - The Agency and the focal point manager benefit from knowing the mutual needs and expectations
Strategic approach

EU Strategic framework

EU OSHA Multi-annual strategic programme (MSP)

EU OSHA Annual Management plan (AMP)

Specific activities, projects and ongoing actions (e.g. networking)
Objectives focus on structural issues not on themes

1. Consolidation of national strategies
2. Facilitate compliance, especially in MSEs
3. Better enforcement by Member States
4. Simplifying legislation
5. Ageing, new risks, occupational diseases
6. Improving statistical data collection
7. Better international coordination
Multi-annual strategic programme – 2014-2020

Priority areas:

1. Anticipating change
   • Foresight activities

2. Facts and figures
   • ESENER
   • OSH and older workers
   • Micro enterprises
   • Work-related diseases
   • Cost and benefits of OSH

3. Tools for OSH management
   • OiRA
   • E-tools

4. Raising awareness
   • Healthy Workplaces Campaigns (all ages, stress, MSDs, construction etc.)

5. Networking knowledge
   • OSHwiki
   • Research priorities
   • Legislation

6. Networking communication
   • Portfolio approach
   • IPA
   • ENP

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EU-OSHA Programming Cycle

Example with Programming Document 2018-2020, including annual work programme for 2018:

- **September 2016:** Deadline for input to planning for 2018 from EU-OSHA’s Activity Coordinators
- **November 2016:** Deadline for EU-OSHA’s internal preparation of the draft Programming Document
- **January 2017:** Deadline for EU-OSHA’s Governing Board to forward the draft of the Programming Document to the EP, the Council and the European Commission
- **After January 2017, according to SEC GEN:** “Any updates of this document, which have to be sent as well, should be kept at a minimum and relate only to issues which were not known at the time of the first submission.”
- **1 July 2017:** Deadline for feedback from European Commission (SG answer to question from network of agencies)
- **December 2017:** Deadline for EU-OSHA’s Governing Board to adopt the final Programming Document 2018-2020
Priority 1: Anticipating change

Activity 1.2 Large-scale foresight

- New & emerging risks associated with ICT and work location by 2025
  - Two-year project, finalising 2017 with further promotion in 2018

- Articles on new and emerging risks
  - Crowdsourcing, performance enhancing drugs, robotics

- Current and emerging issues in the healthcare sector, including home and community care

- Key emerging OSH issues and success factors to transfer foresight into policy making
Priority 2: Facts and figures
Activity 2.1: ESENER

- Results in 2015

  - Launch of ESENER-2 findings
    - First findings report summary (translated) and overview reports, online data dashboard
  
  - Secondary analysis projects:
    - Worker participation in the management of OSH (2017)
    - Joint analysis of the LFS ad-hoc module, EWCS and ESENER-2 (2017)
    - Further analysis being commissioned on management of OSH and on management of psychosocial risks (2018)

- ESENER-3 in 2019
Priority 2: Facts and figures
Activity 2.3: OSH overview: Micro and Small Enterprises


- **4 Work-packages:**
  - In-depth review of OSH in Micro and Small Enterprises (state of play).
  - Qualitative in-depth interviews to determine OSH attitudes and behaviours in Micro and Small Enterprises.
  - Investigation of how OSH policies, strategies, programmes, and support in relation to the management of OSH in Micro and Small Enterprises function in practice.
  - Final analysis and wrap-up seminar.

- **Planned outputs 2016**
  - High level seminar to take place 2016 Q2.
  - OSH in Micro and Small Enterprises (state of play) report and seminar summary to be published 2016 Q2.
Priority 2: Facts and figures
Activity 2.4 OSH overview: Work-related diseases

- **Three sub-projects** (2015 – 2017)
  - Evidence base: A review on diseases resulting from exposure to biological agents at work
  - Methodologies: A report on sentinel and alert systems to identify emerging diseases
  - Workplace support: A report on back to work initiatives for workers affected by cancer

- **Exposure survey feasibility study** (2016 – 2017)
  - Based on experience of Australian telephone survey using computer-assisted interviewing to estimate workplace exposure to carcinogens

- **Cargo fumigants** (2016)
  - Desk review knowledge and practice relating to workers’ exposure to dangerous substances as part of cargo operations
  - Follows request for action from the SSDC Ports
Priority 2: Facts and Figures  
Activity 2.5: OSH overview – Cost and benefits of OSH

- Estimation of the costs of work-related injuries, illnesses and death in the EU
  - Phase 1: overview of the availability and quality of national and international data sources
  - Phase 2: development of a European level cost calculation

- Report “Estimating the cost of accidents and ill health at work – A review of methodologies”

Priority 3: Tools for OSH management
Activity 3.1 - OiRA

- OIRA (Online Interactive Risk Assessment) Partners
  - In 15 EU countries (most of them Ministries/Labour Inspectorates)
  - Collaborating with other countries/institutions who developed their own online RA tool (HSA, HSE, INSHT)

- EU sectoral social partners
  - Also involved in OiRA (5 OiRA tools developed at EU level in the framework of the EU sectoral social dialogue)

- Common platform / software available in 18 languages

- OiRA tools: 87 OiRA tools in 13 countries (and 30 under development)
  - OiRA users accounts created since 2011: 29,613 (13,000 since last year)
  - Number of RA created: 40,797 (18,000 since last year)

- OiRA community working together (sharing information, good practice and photos)
Priority 3: Tools for OSH management
Activity 3.2 – ‘e-tools’ on OSH

- Knowledge-base on ‘e-tools’
  - Development of the “e-tools” section on EU-OSHA’s web site
  - A web-based repository with relevant data about existing tools
  - Development of OSH wiki articles:
    - Describing specific e-tools
    - Increasing awareness about the added value of these tools
    - Sharing knowledge about how to develop/promote these tools

- Facilitating exchange of knowledge and sharing resources
  - Organisation of EU e-tools conferences (first was in June 2015)
  - Organisation of an e-tools seminar in the framework of the conference USE2015 (October 0215)
  - Identify potential sources of EU funding for developing / promoting e-tools
Priority 5: Networking knowledge

Activity 5.1 – OSHwiki
- Launched at XX World Congress for Safety and Health in August 2014
  - Specific OSHwiki corner on EU-OSHA stand, Presentations, Press conference and Social Media Campaign
- Scientific Committee with representatives from PEROSH institutes
- Contacts with new authors and organisations including US-OSHA, ICOH and ILO

Activity 5.2 – other networking knowledge activities
- OSH research priorities for 2013-20
  - Preparatory meeting June 2014 and seminar 12 November 2014
- Legislation section updated for migration to new corporate website
- National strategies: updated sections in OSH wiki articles: ongoing task
  - Support to Commission’s EU-OSHA information system
- Support to the Commission’s in its follow-up to the OSH acquis evaluation
Communications reach

EU stakeholders

28 Member States + EFTA
+ Candidate and potential Candidate countries + ENP

Over 20 000 000 small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)

Over 200 000 000 workers
Communications challenges

Political

• A new European Parliament and Commission landscape

Economic

• Uneven recovery from recession requiring adapted communication supports

OSH challenges

• Different issues, different responses, different priorities across MS

Multilingualism

• 25+ languages

The digital challenge

• A changing landscape in communications and in society
EU-OSHA’s communications approach

- Use networking and communication partnerships to help get the message across and maximise information dissemination and impact

- Use Assistance Packages to help core partners (FoPs) to organise awareness raising activities at national level (portfolio approach)

- Channels and vehicles
  - Use online communication
  - Use Web 2.0 and Social Media
  - OSHWiki
Campaigning

Healthy Workplaces for All Ages – 2016-2017
Healthy Workplaces Campaign

Key strength: Network of partners

- National focal points
- Social partners
- Official campaign partners
- Media partners
- EU institutions and networks
Official Campaign Partners

- Over 100 Official Campaign Partners
- Win-win deal
Campaign activities at national level

National focal points and their networks (activities organised with direct EU-OSHA support):

- 39 national partnership meetings
- 139 stakeholder seminars
- Over 11 000 active participants
- 10 journalist and experts round tables
- 17 Press conferences
- 37 press releases

And much more !!!!
New corporate website – live 10th June 2015

Making Europe a safer, healthier and more productive place to work

Highlights

07/09/2015
EU-OSHA releases its comprehensive guide to EU funding in OSH

03/09/2015
OiRA and other Interactive Risk Assessment tools

If you are trying to identify funding sources for activities, initiatives or projects related to occupational safety and health, you are probably familiar with the EU Structural Funds. However, in the current environment of austerity, EU funding can be more a reality than a dream. Find out how you can benefit from the EU-OSHA’s guide to EU funding in OSH.

Interactive Risk Assessment tools are fashionable nowadays driven by a huge growth of digital technologies. Among the most used and well-known is OiRA (Online Interactive Risk Assessment) which provides an easy-to-use interface to assess occupational exposure and risks. However, OiRA is only one of the many available tools. Find out what is available, learn how to use it and when it is appropriate to use it.

Upcoming events

16/09/2015 Germany Hamburg
> International Symposium on Violence, attacks and aggression in Transportation

22/09/2015 Germany Dresden
Data visualisation

• 90% of the data in the world today has been created in the last two years alone – IBM

• Data visualisation offers a life-belt for those of us drowning in data

• From data to insights for better informed policies
  • Survey mapping
  • Story telling
ESENER – survey mapping – Launched 23\textsuperscript{rd} June

The fieldwork for the second wave of ESENER was carried out in the summer autumn of 2014. The survey provides an invaluable up-to-date snapshot of how workplace risks, and especially new and emerging risks, are being managed across Europe.

The 2014 survey is even more detailed and extensive than the first one, with the sample sizes increased by half, and in three countries the national samples have been additionally boosted. ESENER-2 includes micro enterprises of 6 to 10 employees and agricultural businesses for the first time. Five new countries — Albania, Iceland, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia — have been added to the 31 that were included in 2009.

Some of the topics covered are:
- Musculoskeletal disorders
- The organisation of OSH management
- Approaches to worker participation in OSH

The interactive Survey Dashboard allows you to visualise and share ESENER data, while in-depth analyses follow in 2016 and 2016.

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Safer and healthier work at any age – story telling

Status

Developing the tool and selecting the data

Indicators upon which policy makers can act and others to which draw their attention

- Working conditions x, y, z reported by older w.
- Feeling that they will not be able to continue
- Poor self-perceived health
- Older w. reporting work-related health problems

Indicators that contextualize the issue and secondary indicators

Country X compared to EU (by default) or Country Y

Greece

Facts

Aim at any age

Stakeholders coordination

Aim at working conditions

Employment rate +55

Healthy life 50

Old-age dependency ratio

Approach

Limit early retirement

Aids for employing disabled people

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Napo - “Safety with a smile”

• **Napo Consortium**
  • Film consortium: **HSE** (UK); **DGUV** (Germany); **INAIL** (Italy); **INRS** (France); **SUVA** (Switzerland); and **AUVA** (Austria) – 1992
  • “Best Signs Story” – 1998
  • EU-OSHA joined in 2003

• **Napo**
  • **Symbolic of an employee** working in any industry or sector not limited to one specific job or work environment
  • **Neutral** - neither good nor bad, neither young nor old
  • Victim of situations over which he has no control
  • But can also identify hazards or risks, and make good suggestions to improve safety and work organisation

• **Napo films at** [http://www.napofilm.net/en](http://www.napofilm.net/en)
Thank you