

Digital risk assessment, away with the Stone Age paper based tools!

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The Dutch Working Conditions Act compels all employers to perform a Risk Inventory and Evaluation (RI&E), an obligation that derives from the European Framework Directive but has been far from easy for many employers to fulfil until recently. In the 1990s a vast number of manuals and guides on drafting the RI&E appeared in the Netherlands. Some were highly specialised, some aimed at the layman – but all of them focused on completing the evaluation on paper. Since 2004, however, the Dutch government has been pushing for the large-scale introduction of digitised RI&E.

Mr Meeuwsen will describe in brief the background to this digital revolution in the Netherlands, with an emphasis on the small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector. He will also briefly consider key factors that must be taken into account when drawing up and implementing such an approach at a national level.