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EBC and the EUOSHA campaign

Construction SMEs and OSH

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The EU construction sector & EBC

12% of EU GDP

14 million jobs

3 million construction companies in Europe

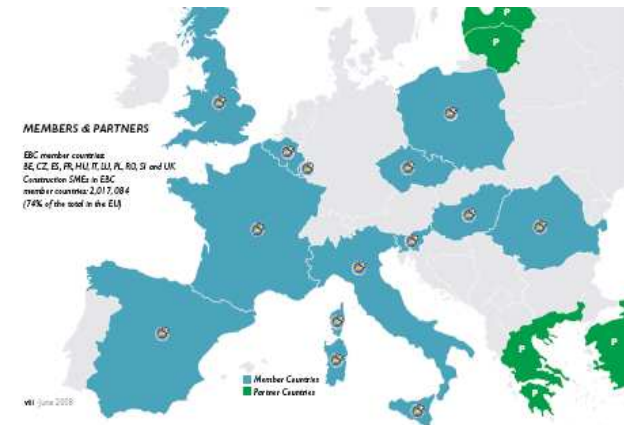
99% SMEs (< 250 operatives)

92% micro-enterprises (< 10 operatives)

SMEs economic relevance

80% of the sector's turnover by SMEs

61% by small companies



EBC - The Voice of Construction Crafts and SMEs in Europe

Founded in 1990

Member of UEAPME
Chair of the
Construction Forum

19 members & partners
National associations

Observer status in European Social Dialogue



EBC and the EUOSHA

- Partner of OSHA since 2004
 - **Building in safety sectoral campaign**
 - **EBC charter for Health and safety**

- European Partner of 2008-2009 campaign on risk assessment
 - **Update and news on EBC website**
 - **EBC press release on the partnership**

 - **Main activity « Under Construction II project »**
 - EU-funded project with 13 partners from 11 countries
 - Social partners from national employers and employees organisations
 - 10 meetings in 10 EU capitals with national FoPs
 - Small groups for focused exchanges
 - Importance of risk assessment recognised



Under Construction II

GOALS

- Contribute to the dissemination of the OSHA campaign
- Organise an exchange of best practices among associations of construction SMEs
- Strengthen the sectoral social dialogue in the construction sector

Overall ambition to create an EU network for national solutions

The dissemination phase



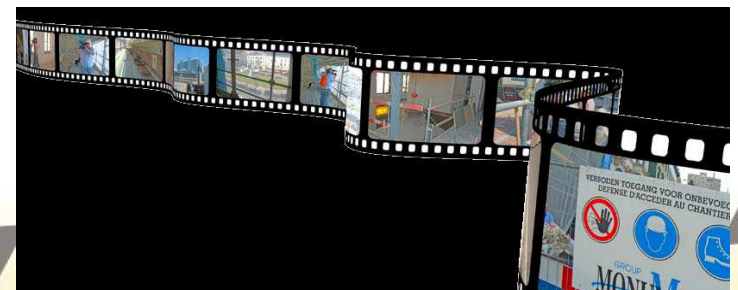
Final dissemination publication

- 500 copies in English
- Presented at the Closing event
- Translated in 8 languages
- Foreword by Director Takala

Documentary Film

"Health and safety... more than just words"

- Presentation of UC II
- Interviews to craftsmen
- Printed in 500 DVD copies





The benefits of the partnership

First-hand involvement in OSH
Recognised role for EU social partners
Exchange of best practices
New information and expertise on OSH
Visibility to partners (OSHA website)

Positive experience for EBC and members

- Consolidation of national social dialogue
- Renewed interest in OSH for construction SMEs
- EBC as guest speaker in Bilbao closing event
- *French painter winner of OSHA Best practice award*

EBC partner of the new 2010-2011 campaign



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Thank you for your
attention!

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