

17-18 September 2014, Amsterdam, Invitational Conference

‘Investing in Occupational Safety and Health - how benefits beat the costs’

Day 1

17 September: Occupational Safety and Health at company level - the benefits of investing in OSH

Chair: Brenda O'Brien, Manager of the Brussels liaison office, EU-OSHA

12.00 Informal network lunch

13.00 Welcome and opening

Andrew Smith, Head of Communication and Promotion Unit, EU-OSHA

13.25 Decision makers in companies are driven by financial factors: The Business Case

Emile Tompa, Professor University of Toronto, Canada

13.50 The value of The Business Case for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Marc de Greef, Managing Director Prevent Group, Belgium

14.10 Discussion with the participants

14.50 Coffee break (including guided tour through ‘de Bazel’)

15.35 Return on prevention, results from DGUV/ISSA project about the business case

Thomas Kohstall, Deputy Director IAG (Institute for Work and Health) of the DGUV, Germany

15.50 Business Cases from companies

- *Spanier & Wiedemann Sàrl, Luxembourg, Tatjana Ullrich and Hermann Spanier*
- *Glasshandling Technic, The Netherlands, John Berghman*

16.20 Business case tool for organisations about sustainable employability

Diederick Stoel, Profitwise, The Netherlands

16.40 Discussion about future directions

Emile Tompa, Professor University of Toronto, Canada

17.05 Closing of the day

17.20 Network drink

19.30 Dinner cruise through the Amsterdam canals

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Day 2

18 September: OSH and costs and benefits at sector, national and European level - economic incentives

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09.00 Welcome and opening

Esther de Kleuver, Director for Health and Safety at Work, Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment

09.15 Economic incentives: a way to influence company behaviour?

Dietmar Elsler, Project Manager EU-OSHA

09.35 Estimating the costs of accidents and ill-health at work at European level

Xabier Irastorza, Project Manager EU-OSHA

09.55 Examples of incentive schemes from Germany and Italy

- *Comprehensive incentive system for the German food and HORECA sector*
Henning Krüger, Statutory accident insurance for the food and HORECA sector, Germany
- *Financial support from the Italian National Institute for Insurance against Accidents at Work (INAIL)*
Angelica Schneider Graziosi, INAIL - Contarp, Italy

10.35 Coffee break

10.50 Workshops (90 minutes)

12.20 Summary of the workshops and wrap-up of the day and conference

12.50 Closing of the conference

Esther de Kleuver, Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment

13.00 Lunch