

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Directorate General Employment, Social Affairs & Equal Opportunities

Health, Safety and Hygiene at Work



The Community Strategy on Health and Safety at Work 2007-2012

Mainstreaming occupational health and safety (OSH) into education

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Directorate General for Employment: Our policies at a glance: what we do



Social Affairs

Social inclusion
Streamlining social policies
Social and demographic analysis

Equal Opportunities

Equality between men and women
(Legal) action against discrimination
Integration of people with disabilities

Employment

Labour law
Rights at work
Social Dialogue
Working conditions
Health and safety at work
Free movement of workers

European Employment Strategy

Instruments at a glance: How we do it



Policy Coordination with Member States

Social protection
& Social inclusion
Employment (Lisbon Agenda)

Legislation

Occupational Health and Safety
Equality
Labour law

Funding

PROGRESS
European Social Fund
European Globalisation
Adjustment Fund

**The Community Strategy 2007-2012
on Health and Safety at Work COM (2007) 62**



Main areas of action:

- Putting in place a modern and effective legislative framework
- Encouraging the development and implementation of national strategies
- Promoting changes in behaviour**
- Confronting new and increasing risks



Promoting changes in behaviour through a **preventive culture**

a general culture that values health and risk prevention

- addressing all parts of society
- going beyond the workplace
and the working population

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Promoting changes in behaviour

Integrating health and safety
into education and training programmes

Improving health and
promoting awareness
within companies



Integrating health and safety into education and training programmes:

- Report on OSH in the school curriculum requirements and activities in the EU Member States by EU-OSHA
- An overview of the extent to which health and safety aspects have been incorporated into Member States' vocational and occupational training policies



Integrating health and safety into education and training programmes:

- Opinion of the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work on Education and Training
Doc. 2513/2/06 adopted on 23.11.2006
- Use of European Social Fund and other
Community funds



The Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work Working Party on Education and Training US/EU Conference 2010 topic

- Knowledge management approach to sharing information, experiences and best practices as a part of an overarching succession planning strategy
- Dialog on the development and best practices related to the training materials and programs developed for youth, new workers, and non-native language speaking workers



Importance of training in OSH for:

- Young entrepreneurs
- SMEs
- Migrant workers

Focus on Young Workers – Labour market



- Services professions and low-skilled manual jobs
- Sharp increase in the youth unemployment rate in the EU since the 1st quarter of 2008
- The EU-27 youth unemployment rate twice as high as the total unemployment rate in the 1st quarter of 2009:
 - aged 15-24 unemployment rate - 18,3 %
 - total unemployment rate – 8,2 %

Eurostat

Focus on Young Workers - OSH



- Around 400 workers in the EU under the age of 25 die at accidents at work every year.
- More likely involved in the accidents at work than other age groups
- Direct correlation between accidents at work and experience

Causes and circumstances of accidents at work in the EU, DG EMPL 2009



Thank you for your attention!