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Online tools: a good practice to support implementation of OSH measures in SMEs

Content Description

In its new strategic framework 2014-2020 for occupational safety and health, the European Commission underlines that "SMEs have more difficulties in complying with the regulatory requirements in this area. In most cases, the scope and effectiveness of OSH management remains a particular challenge for micro and small enterprises. Smaller establishments still tend to show lower levels of compliance with national and EU rules, and report fewer OSH management measures as compared with large establishments." Providing practical support to small and micro enterprises to help them to better comply with health and safety rules has been identified as one of the seven key strategic objectives by the European Commission in its new strategy.

The development of more and more online interactive and digital tools is an opportunity to face this challenge. Many occupational health and safety actors have already shown interest in the possibilities offered by these new technologies and have over the last years developed such e-tools. Those tools:

- help "empower", foster the autonomy of micro and small companies when it comes to risk assessment or managing OSH in general.

- are easy to disseminate through Internet to a huge number of companies.

This workshop aims at highlighting tools that enhance the capacity of micro and small enterprises to put in place effective and efficient risk prevention strategies.

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