Healthy Workplaces
ETUC engagement in EU campaigns
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Safety and health at work is everyone's concern. It's good for you. It's good for business.
ETUC engagement in 2009-11 campaign

Active support from ETUC for campaign from conception to conclusion

- Importance of tripartite model to ensure worker involvement at all stages
- EU Project Partner (+7 ETUFs)
- National activities with FOPs
- Awareness raising and exchanging of good practice
- Internal exchanges within the Workers Interest Group
Used the campaign to shine the light on more precarious workers

Publication of special HesaMag on contract cleaning workers in Europe
Identifying union campaigns addressing their health and safety concerns to improve working conditions
ETUC welcomes strong recognition of the importance of worker safety representatives and unions in developing safe maintenance strategies.

Healthy firefighters (Sweden)

From the booklet:

“The participation of workers, union representatives and management was essential in developing the model of risk assessment and the preventive measures. The continual and repeated risk assessments led to the identification of additional risks of exposure to potentially harmful substances. This, in turn, led to more frequent, constructive input into the development of measures to remove or reduce exposure.”
Worker participation recognised as a decisive element of successful health and safety policy

Participation of workers is also a legal obligation framed in 1989 framework directive. It should be ensured for all workers regardless of employment contract or size of company, without discrimination

ETUC Resolution (December 2011):

"Better Health and Safety through Prevention" Campaign (2012-2013) an important awareness-raising opportunity for ETUC

The ETUC as a Campaign Partner will promote products co-developed by the Bilbao Agency as well as own products or products developed in cooperation with the ETUI – European project foreseen with ETUC events