Safety and health at work is everyone’s concern. It’s good for you. It’s good for business.

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Workshop 4: Sustainability strategies – inclusion of occupational safety and health (OSH)

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Sustainable development is a core principle of the Treaty on European Union and a priority objective for the Union’s internal and external policies. The United Nations 2030 Agenda includes 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) intended to apply universally to all countries.

The European Commission aims to ensure coherence between industrial, environmental, health and safety at workplace, climate and energy policy to create an optimal business environment for sustainable growth, job creation, wellbeing and innovation. To support this, the Commission has established an ambitious agenda to transform EU economy into a circular one, where the value of products and materials is maintained for as long as possible, bringing major economic benefits. The Commission also supports European industry in the move to a climate-neutral economy and improves the energy efficiency of products through eco-design legislation.

In this workshop we would like to show what has already been implemented and, using practical examples in individual companies, we would like to show the connecting elements of how both sustainability and health and safety can be implemented in companies.
Sustainability, what is the origin

*Sustainability has been practiced in forestry for a long time and means that only as many trees are harvested as are replanted.*

**Agenda 21 in 1992**


It sets guidelines for the 21st century, especially for sustainable development. The 178 states committed themselves to implementation sustainable development in the economy, in the social area (here also occupational safety and health) and in environmental protection.

*Photo press release of UN*
Opening Statement in the European Parliament Plenary Session by Ursula von der Leyen, Candidate for President of the European Commission, 16.9. 2019

Mr President, Honourable Members of the Parliament

... A European Union that strives for more. Our most pressing challenge is keeping our planet healthy. This is the greatest responsibility and opportunity of our times. I will propose a Sustainable Europe ...

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EU: Inclusion of civil society, business and institutions in sustainable development

Involving civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders

The involvement of civil society, the private sector, the business and other stakeholders is a key area in the Commission's cross-sectoral approach to the implementation of the SDGs. They are important components of a holistic strategy to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda.
EU commitment to sustainable development

Sustainable development is only possible if occupational safety, health and environmental protection are integrated.

Everyone is required to introduce sustainable development into all processes of life, at home in our private lives, at work, in our companies, in our involvement in associations, institutions and of course in our political activities, in local councils, in our states and in the EU / UN.

That's why we're here!

In the following presentations we will experience some examples of how sustainable development is lived in some companies
Speaker and Moderator

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