

# Summary of the discussion session 1C: action plans and campaigns

# What type of intervention models/campaigns exist in the EU ? (1)

Presentation:

- ES: Zero Cancer at Work Campaign
  - comprehensive approach:
  - Initiated by CCOO involving trade unions, workers/companies, experts, public, legislation, enforcement
- FR: National Labour inspectorate campaign on hazardous substances
  - Part of governmental action plans for public and occupational health
  - Focus risk assessment, substitution and SDS

# What type of intervention models/campaigns exist in the EU ? (2)

From discussion:

- NL (TNO): concept based on company- categorisation
  - willing/not willing; knowing/not knowing
  - Targeted approach for 4 different target groups
- NL: Stepwise and repeated enforcement
  - 1. inventory 2. assessment 3. measures 4. monitoring data
- France: industry-initiative for substitution (Form aldehyde)

# What concepts for minimization exist in the EU? (1)

## Presentation:

- German exposure risk management model:  
New paradigm : technique has to follow risk
  - Guidance to minimization of carcinogenic substances
  - Socially agreed risk levels:  
Tolerable (4:1000) and acceptable (4:10000)
  - correspondent substance specific concentrations derived and published by the Governmental Council (AGS) (actually 35 substances planned)

# What concepts for minimization exist in the EU? (2)

From regulation:

- Binding OELs
- As low as reasonable achievable

From discussion:

- More support for minimization (best practice) is needed because:  
REACH does not cover every problem (e.g. not actively manufactured carcinogens)

# What is the experience from campaigns ?

## Presentations:

- Problems decrease with company size
- „The risk is substantially better understood by companies which were previously controlled“
- Alliances are necessary

## Discussion:

- company staff usually not educated for specialised risk assessment?
- Clear focus on target groups helpful

Which type of further action do we need ? (communications, awareness-raising, monitoring...)

- Awareness-raising
- Improved enforcement
- increased coordination/communication via ECHA Forum ?
- Include carcinogens into general management approaches
- Focus on measures not on carcinogens!
- Advice AND enforcement necessary

# What could be the role of the EU-OSHA ?

- Information sharing about structures, activities and concepts
- increase exchange of practical experiences/Campaigns from the member states
- build up a portal for minimization examples (best practice) comparable to subsport
- Permanent expert group?



The floor is open for  
discussion

# Campaign

- Subsport
  - General Tool to increase substitution
  - Easy to understand
  - Low barrier for SME
  - Toolkit (substance information, strategies, webinars, case studies (500), legal texts, ...)

# Campaign

- Zero cancer
  - Union awareness rising campaign
    - Presentation to the media, Assemblies with workers, materials, building alliances
- French government
  - Focussed on SME
  - NLI enforcement campaign
  - Better risk assessment -> more substitution

# Concepts

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