



Roadmap on carcinogens

Joint event EU-OSHA/SLIC Chemex/LASI

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Presentation of EU-OSHA

- **Set up in 1994 by the European Union and based in Bilbao, Spain**
- **Promote a culture of risk prevention**
- **What we do**
 - Collect information
 - Analyse information
 - Disseminate information
- **What we don't do**
 - ~~Make legislation~~
 - ~~Inspect workplaces~~
 - ~~Enforce the law~~
- **How we do it**
 - Produce reliable and relevant information
 - User-friendly tools
 - Share good practices
 - Network with organisations across Europe



Dangerous Substances: Situation in the EU

- **Occupational exposure to dangerous substances remains important**
 - European survey on working conditions ESWC 2015: 17.3% workers exposed to 'Chemical products or substances' at least a quarter of their working time, a proportion practically unchanged since 2000.
 - Also, 13.4% of the workers are exposed to infectious materials (increasing trend).
 - ESENER-I (2009): dangerous substances an important OSH concern for enterprises (35 %) – difficulties addressing risks related to them.
 - ESENER-II (2014): still an important OSH topic for enterprises (38 % of EU enterprises report dangerous substances as being present at their workplaces)
- **Risks remain not addressed sufficiently or un-assessed**
 - This is true for many of the growing sectors such as social and health care, transport or hospitality.
- **High impact on work-related health**
 - EU schedule of occupational diseases: Many diseases caused by DS.
 - Also causes emerging diseases, e.g. work-related cancers, reproductive disorders, neurologic diseases, allergies and respiratory diseases.
 - There are about 10 times more fatal deaths from DS at work than from occupational accidents (ILO).

EU-OSHA support to action on carcinogens

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Taking action on work-related cancer

Cancer is estimated to be the leading cause of work-related deaths in the EU. It is clear that more can be done to reduce the number of cases of occupational cancer, and that's why, on 25 May 2016, six European organisations signed a covenant committing them to a voluntary action scheme to raise awareness of the risks arising from exposures to carcinogens in the workplace and exchange good practices.

The partners are:

- The Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection
- BUSINESSEUROPE (European employers)
- The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
- The European Commission
- The European Trade Union Confederation
- The Netherlands Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment.

A joint info sheet with the signatories

Promotion of ongoing actions on the webpage

An annual event

Promotion of selected tools and instruments

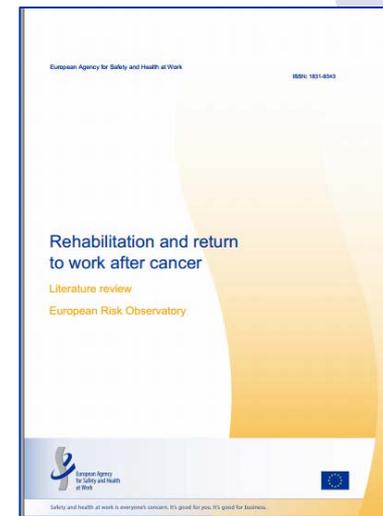
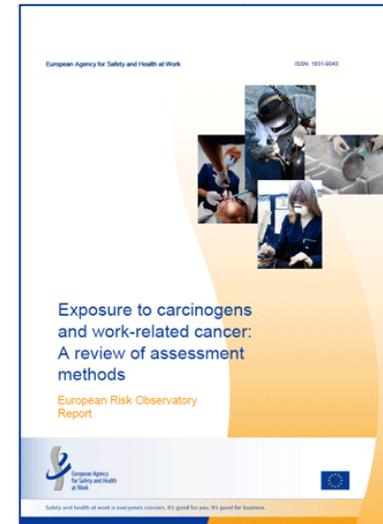
Roadmap on Carcinogens

Annual event under the roadmap on carcinogens (October 2017)

- **A+A conference, 18th October 2017**
- **A full day**
- **German-English translation**
- **Carcinogens at the workplace – good practice exchange**
- **Presentations from AT and DE on labour inspection campaigns**
- **Presentations on tools for exposure assessment**
- **Presentation from NL on a GP exchange with companies (Substitution)**
- **Presentations by roadmap partners and SLIC Chemex, Lasi, UK (partner country of A+A 2017).**
- **Interactive communication with the audience**
- **Active involvement of the social partners**

EU-OSHA work on carcinogens and work-related cancers

- **Member States survey and report on OELs for CMRs (published 2009)**
- **Seminar with DG Employment, ECHA, Member State reps nominated by FOP, ACSH WP Chemicals, SLIC Chemex, SCOEL (Summary published in 2012)**
 - Gaps identified in:
 - Research
 - Monitoring
 - Workplace solutions: collect case studies of successful prevention, examples of company policies, successful interventions by preventive services and labour inspections
 - Policy level: need for back-to-work strategies for workers affected by cancers (currently hardly any in place)
- **2013-2014: State-of-the report to address the gaps identified above, focusing on existing exposure and disease assessment & examples of national policies**
- **2016-2017: Feasibility study for a survey on cancer risk factors**
- **2013-2015: involvement in ISSG ex-post evaluation of OSH aquis**
- **2016-2017: involvement in ISSG for carcinogens Directive, and recast of OSH legislation**



The HWC 2018-19 campaign

Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances

- The Healthy Workplaces Campaigns, run with the help of networks of partners across the EU, are intended to make Europe's workplaces safer and healthier
- The slogan of the 2018–19 Healthy Workplaces Campaign is “Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances”
- The variety and possible presence of dangerous substances in the workplace and the seriousness of the harm they can cause are often underestimated
- The campaign aims to raise awareness and foster a prevention culture and the concept of workers and managers ‘working together’ to tackle risks
- One of the strategic priorities is **to improve understanding of the risks linked to exposure to carcinogens**



Target audience



■ INTERMEDIARIES

- Focal Points and their networks
- Social partners (European and national)
- Sectoral Social Dialogue Committees
- Policy makers (European and national)
- Large enterprises and sectoral federations, incl. business associations of SMEs
- European institutions and their networks (Enterprise Europe Network)
- (European) NGOs
- OSH professionals and their associations
- OSH research community
- Labour Inspectorates and their associations
- Media

■ BENEFICIARIES

- Workers and employers in general, with a special emphasis on those in micro and small enterprises.

Key dates

April 2018

Launch of the campaign

Start of the Healthy Workplaces Good Practice Awards competition

October 2018 and 2019

The European Week for Safety and Health at Work

November 2019

The Healthy Workplaces Summit



Other events will of course be held throughout 2018 and 2019, including meetings organised by national focal points and other campaign partners.

