



## The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work



### Who are we?

The Agency was set up by the European Union in order to meet the increasing needs for information in the field of safety and health at work. The Agency is located in Bilbao (Spain) with a dedicated staff of experts in safety and health, information and administration. Our goal is to improve the lives of people at work by stimulating the flow of technical, scientific and economic information between all those involved in occupational safety and health (OSH) issues. This includes workers, employers, safety representatives, experts, practitioners and national as well as European Community bodies.

### How do we operate?

The Agency's administrative board is comprised of representatives of governments, employers and workers from all EU Member States and the European Commission. We carry out much of our work through a network of nationally appointed occupational health and safety institutions known as 'focal points' in the 25 Member States, the three candidate countries and the four European Free Trade Association (EFTA) States. The focal points manage national tripartite networks. Internationally, we cooperate with organisations such as the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Organisation of American States (OAS), as well as with safety and health institutions worldwide.

### What do we deliver?

The Agency has three key areas of activity.

#### Collecting information

Europe-wide networks of designated experts and organisations have been established at national level to participate in the work of the Agency. The focal point network represents the Agency and coordinates information at national level, including a national Agency website. Groups of experts are convened to advise on individual occupational safety and health subjects. Specialist 'topic centres' assist the Agency as external consultants on specific OSH issues.

#### Communicating information

The Internet lies at the heart of the Agency's information output. Through our network website <http://osha.eu.int>, users are linked to all national focal point resources and their networks. The website also provides instant and easy access to a fund of European and international OSH information, including legislation and standards, good practice, research, statistics, training and much more. From the website, users can also access the Agency's electronic newsletter, *OSHmail*, which gives updates on European and international OSH news to over 20 000 subscribers. Complementing the web services, the Agency produces a range of printed publications from factsheets and magazines on OSH topics to more detailed technical reports on specific topical issues. A programme of conferences and seminars further adds to the flow of information.

Finally, in close collaboration with the focal points, the Agency organises the annual European Week for Safety and Health at Work campaign. The campaign has two primary objectives: to raise awareness of a particular OSH problem (for example stress, the handling of dangerous substances, musculoskeletal disorders) and to promote the exchange of information and good practice, which can alleviate these problems. Over 30 countries take part and the Agency acts as the campaign coordinator, preparing the necessary campaign material and providing essential support in the promotion of the campaign throughout Europe.

#### Developing knowledge

A third area of activity involves utilising our information networks to supply material for our own pan-European information projects on significant occupational safety and health themes. These include strategies and policies, promoting a preventive safety and health culture, safety and health information for risk sectors, anticipating risks in a changing world of work, and safety and health work in small and medium-sized enterprises.

The Agency's activities are carried out in close cooperation with all our partners to ensure that the health and safety message is effectively communicated to all parties in today's rapidly changing world of work.

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You can find more information about the Agency's network, including contact details, on our website.

## The focal point network, May 2004

### FOCAL POINTS OF THE MEMBER STATES

#### België/Belgique/Belgium

FOD Werkgelegenheid, Arbeid en Sociaal Overleg/SFP emploi, travail et concertation sociale  
Federal Public Service Employment, Labour and Social Dialogue  
<http://be.osha.eu.int/>

#### Česká republika/Czech Republic

Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí  
Odbor bezpečnosti práce a pracovního prostředí  
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs  
Department of Safety at Work and Working Conditions  
<http://cz.osha.eu.int/>

#### Danmark/Denmark

Arbejdstilsynet  
National Working Environment Authority  
<http://dk.osha.eu.int/>

#### Deutschland/Germany

Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Arbeit  
Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour  
Referat IIIb2 — Arbeitsschutz  
Occupational Safety and Health  
<http://de.osha.eu.int/>

#### Eesti/Estonia

Sotsiaalministeerium  
Ministry of Social Affairs  
<http://ee.osha.eu.int/>

#### Ελλάδα/Greece

Υπουργείο Απασχόλησης και Κοινωνικής Προστασίας  
Γενική Διεύθυνση Συνθηκών και Υγιεινής της Εργασίας  
Κέντρο Υγιεινής και Ασφάλειας της Εργασίας (ΚΥΑΕ)  
Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs  
General Directorate of Working Conditions and Health  
Centre of Occupational Health and Safety (KYAE)  
<http://gr.osha.eu.int/>

#### España/Spain

Instituto Nacional de Seguridad e Higiene en el Trabajo (INSHT)  
National Institute of Safety and Hygiene at Work  
<http://es.osha.eu.int/>

#### France

Ministère de l'emploi, du travail et de la cohésion sociale  
Ministry of Employment, Labour and Social Cohesion  
<http://fr.osha.eu.int/>

#### Ireland

Health and Safety Authority  
<http://ie.osha.eu.int/>

#### Italia/Italy

Istituto superiore per la prevenzione e la sicurezza del lavoro  
National Institute of Occupational Safety and Prevention  
<http://it.osha.eu.int/>

#### Κύπρος/Cyprus

Τμήμα Επιθεώρησης Εργασίας  
Department of Labour Inspection  
<http://cy.osha.eu.int/>

#### Latvija/Latvia

Valsts Darba Inspekcija  
State Labour Inspectorate of the Republic of Latvia  
<http://lv.osha.eu.int/>

#### Lietuva/Lithuania

Lietuvos Respublikos Valstybinė darbo inspekcija  
State Labour Inspectorate of the Republic of Lithuania  
<http://lt.osha.eu.int/>

#### Luxembourg

Inspection du travail et des mines (ITM)  
Labour Inspectorate  
<http://lu.osha.eu.int/>

#### Magyarország/Hungary

OMMF—Országos Munkabiztonsági és Munkaügyi Főfelügyelőség  
OMMF-Hungarian Labour Inspectorate  
<http://hu.osha.eu.int/>

#### Malta

Awtorità għas-Saħħa u s-Sigurtà fuq il-Post tax-Xogħol  
Occupational Health and Safety Authority  
<http://mt.osha.eu.int/>

#### Nederland/The Netherlands

Arbo Platform Nederland  
Dutch OSH Platform  
<http://nl.osha.eu.int/>

#### Österreich/Austria

Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Arbeit (BMWA)  
Sektion IX, Zentral-Arbeitsinspektorat  
Ministry of Economics and Labour  
Unit for International OSH  
<http://at.osha.eu.int/>

#### Polska/Poland

Centralny Instytut Ochrony Pracy  
Państwowy Instytut Badawczy  
Central Institute for Labour Protection  
National Research Institute  
<http://pl.osha.eu.int/>

#### Portugal

Instituto de Desenvolvimento e Inspeção das Condições de Trabalho  
Institute for the Development and Inspection of Working Conditions  
<http://pt.osha.eu.int/>

#### Slovenija/Slovenia

Ministrstvo za delo, družino in socialne zadeve  
Sektor za varnost in zdravje pri delu  
Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs  
Department for Health and Safety at Work  
<http://si.osha.eu.int/>

#### Slovensko/Slovakia

Národný inšpektorát práce  
National Labour Inspectorate  
<http://sk.osha.eu.int/>

#### Suomi/Finland

Sosiaali- ja terveystieteiden ministeriö/Social- och hälsovårdsministeriet  
Työsuojeluosasto/Arbetsarkyddsavdelningen  
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health  
Department for Occupational Safety and Health  
<http://www.tyosuojelutietopankki.fi> and <http://fi.osha.eu.int/>

#### Sverige/Sweden

Arbetsmiljöverket  
Swedish Work Environment Authority  
<http://se.osha.eu.int/>

#### United Kingdom

Health and Safety Executive  
<http://uk.osha.eu.int/>

### FOCAL POINTS OF THE CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

#### България/Bulgaria

Министерство на труда и социалната политика  
Отдел 'Безопасност и здраве при работа'  
Ministry of Labour and Social Policy  
Department 'Safety and Health at Work'  
<http://osha.misp.government.bg/>

#### România/Romania

Institutul Național de Cercetare — Dezvoltare pentru Protecția Muncii  
National Research Institute for Labour Protection  
<http://www.protectiamuncii.ro/>

#### Emek/Turkey

Çalışma ve Sosyal Güvenlik Bakanlığı  
İş Sağlığı ve Güvenliği Genel Müdürlüğü  
Ministry of Labour and Social Security  
General Directorate of Occupational Health and Safety  
<http://isggm.calisma.gov.tr/>

### FOCAL POINTS OF THE EFTA COUNTRIES

#### Island/Iceland

Vinnuettirlitið  
Administration of Occupational Safety and Health  
<http://www.vinnuettirliti.is/>

#### Liechtenstein

Amt für Volkswirtschaft  
Office of Economic Affairs  
<http://www.awv.llv.li>

#### Norge/Norway

Direktoratet for arbeidstilsynet  
Directorate of Labour Inspection  
<http://www.arbeidsplassen.no/>

#### Schweiz/Suisse/Switzerland

Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft (SECO), Ressort Grundlagen Arbeit und Gesundheit  
Secrétariat d'Etat à l'économie (SECO), Ressort Travail et santé  
Segretariato di Stato dell'economia (SECO), Sezione Lavoro e salute  
State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Work and Health Section  
<http://www.osha-focalpoint.ch/>

### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

#### Australia

National Occupational Health and Safety Commission (NOHSC)  
<http://www.nohsc.gov.au/>

#### Brazil

Fundacentro  
<http://www.fundacentro.gov.br>

#### Canada

Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS)/  
Centre canadien d'hygiène et de sécurité au travail (CCHST)  
<http://www.ccohs.ca>

#### USA

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)  
<http://www.osha.gov>

#### Japan

中央労働災害防止協会  
Japan Industrial Safety and Health Association (JISHA)  
<http://www.jisha.or.jp>

International Labour Office (ILO)/Organisation internationale du travail (OIT)/Organización Internacional del Trabajo (OIT)  
<http://www.ilo.org>

Organisation of American States (OAS)/Organisation des états américains (OEA)/Organización de los Estados Americanos (OEA)/  
Organização dos Estados Americanos (OEA)  
<http://www.oas.org>

World Health Organisation (WHO)/Organisation mondiale de la santé (OMS)/Organización Mundial de la Salud (OMS)  
<http://www.who.int>

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