Keeping up with evolving requirements on occupational safety and health (OSH) can be challenging, especially for micro and small enterprises (MSEs).

EU-OSHA’s research programme dedicated to improving compliance with OSH regulations seeks to create a climate that encourages, supports and assists organisations in fulfilling their obligations for worker safety and health. The project offers innovative initiatives and strategies that can be assimilated into a company’s organisational culture so that worker wellbeing is ensured.
Discover the key elements

Market influence
Unlocking the potential of the supply chain, the research delves into the relationships between buyers and sellers to improve working conditions. By expanding the focus beyond traditional employment relationships, EU-OSHA aims to ensure worker wellbeing and good OSH practices. Two sectors are in focus: agri-food (5.5% of EU GDP and 23 million workers) and construction (9% of EU GDP, 16 million workers).

State influence
The research emphasises the need to combine ‘traditional’ state-mandated enforcement and prevention services with other innovative approaches. It aims to address emerging risks and protect vulnerable groups of workers and highlights the importance of efficient methods in tackling new, hard-to-reach forms of work, such as platform work.

Impact of COVID-19
EU-OSHA analyses the profound impact of the pandemic on OSH compliance, particularly due to the rapid transformation of the workplace. By integrating the lessons learned from this unprecedented crisis, the Agency’s goal is to contribute to the policy-making process and improve working conditions and worker wellbeing. This section of the programme for example sheds light on supply chains in the agri-food and construction sectors, as their workers have been among the most affected by COVID-19.

Compliance with occupational safety and health regulations not only saves lives and ensures that workplaces are safe, but also improves productivity and is good for business!

Related publications
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