

## TRAINEESHIP PROFILE

### PREVENTION AND RESEARCH UNIT (PRU)

#### ***Description of the work***

As part of the Prevention and Research Unit you will help inform policy making in the EU and in its Member States, as well as raising awareness about occupational safety and health (OSH) and helping develop tools for use at the workplace. During your traineeship, you will provide support to ensure the smooth functioning of the work of the Prevention and Research Unit.

Reporting to the Head of the Prevention and Research Unit, you will contribute to different parts of the policy-research cycle, from planning to commissioning, review and dissemination of activities in the following thematic areas:

- Anticipating change through the identification of new and [emerging risks](#) in order to improve the timeliness and effectiveness of preventive measures. Research methods used include expert surveys to provide forecasts and scenario-building as part of a foresight.
- Providing facts and figures to give an accurate and comprehensive picture of OSH risks, their effects and how they are prevented and managed. Comprehensive analyses are carried out based on [survey data](#), administrative data, expert interviews, focus groups and literature reviews. Example activities include:
  - The workplace survey [ESENER](#) that interviews respondents in 50,000 establishments across 36 countries on how they manage OSH in practice.
  - [Research on work-related musculoskeletal disorders](#) aiming to promote the prevention of MSD raising awareness of good practice for national authorities, employers and sector-level organisations.
  - Developing in collaboration with the European Commission and national ministries, the EU OSH Information System, which presents indicators of progress on OSH in the context of national and European strategies.
- Developing tools for OSH management for smaller workplaces to manage health and safety and consequently improve implementation of the core elements of EU OSH legislation. Implementation of the online interactive risk assessment tool ([OIRA](#)) allows sector-specific tools to be developed.
- Raising awareness to get the OSH message across to target audiences such as national ministries and labour inspectorates, trade unions, employer organisations and OSH professionals, by campaigning on workplace risks and how to prevent them. Specific projects support the two-year [Healthy Workplaces Campaigns](#)
- Networking knowledge to mobilise the OSH community through new tools. The [OSHwiki](#) not only provides information on the whole range of OSH issues, but also functions as a platform for collaboration and knowledge sharing.

As a trainee in PRU, you will have the possibility to participate in a number of meetings with the objective of learning how the Agency works and interacts with its stakeholders.

A study visit to Brussels and/or Luxembourg is envisaged. Such study visit will be considered as a mission, and for its reimbursement the relevant provisions applicable to EU-OSHA will apply.