



E-tools

**Purpose of the Meeting & Quick update on the e-tools activity
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E-tools: the context

- Online interactive tools (“e-tools”) are the result of the evolution of computer technology and Web use practices
- The OSH sector is no stranger to this trend/evolution
- Many OSH actors have already developed such tools
- EU Strategic Framework on OSH 2014-2020 (6.6.2014) mentions IT based tools
- E-tools’ main (but non only) purposes:
 - to facilitate compliance with legislation
 - to foster the development of a health and safety culture



TOOL USERS

Micro and Small Companies

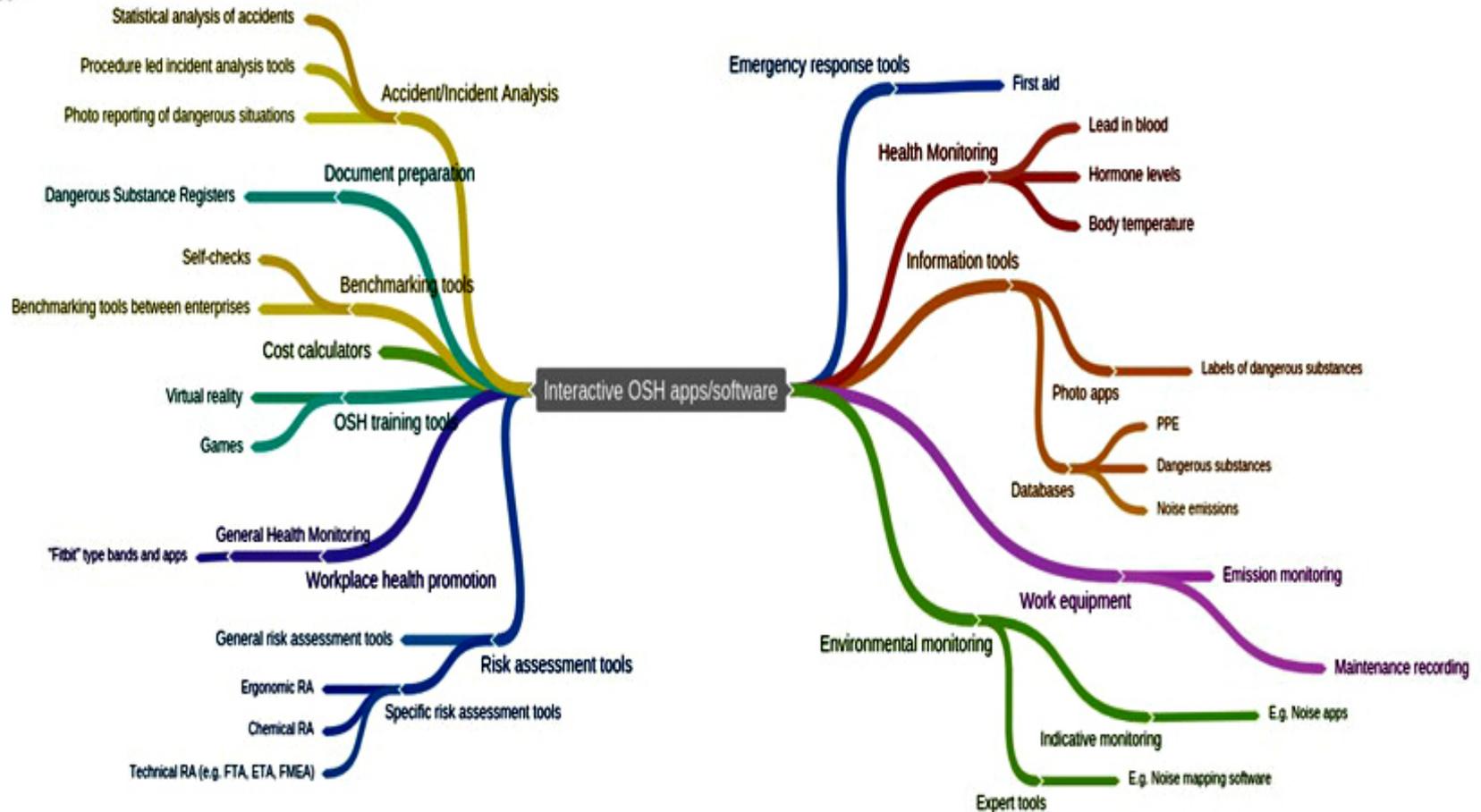


What are OSH e-tools?

- **An electronic tool – not paper-based**
- **Interactive – user has to drive process**
 - User can record data (e.g. noise level)
 - User can enter information (e.g. type in data)
 - User makes decisions (e.g. select options in software)
- **Output is tailored to user needs or data entered**
- **Focuses on health and safety issues**
 - Can overlap to other themes (e.g. environment protection)
- **Initial definition: Requires refinement**
- **OSH apps are just one type of “e-tools”**

Preliminary typology of e-tools

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Added value of e-tools (1)

- **Empower companies (especially MSEs), allowing in-house prevention**
- **Provide solutions or support to actions for prevention in the workplace**
- **Help identify the hazards**
- **Easy to use, interactive, easy to access**
- **Associated with innovation**
 - Use on mobile technologies / Internet based
- **Potential for monitoring use of tools**

Added value of e-tools(2)

- **Perform an awareness-raising function**
 - Can be used in context of a campaign
 - Can mobilise actors (social partners, inspectorates)
- **E-tools statistics can be used as a project indicator**
- **E-tools can provide “big and important data”**
 - Anonymous data to monitor OSH policy performance
 - Feedback on e-tools’ effectiveness / functionality
- **Offer a didactic/methodological dimension**
- **Attractive for young people (workers, students)**
- **Online diffusion and dissemination**
 - Web and social media
- **Allows relationships to be built with end-users**



Taking into account the added value of e-tools ...

- **Their number will most probably increase in the forthcoming years**
- **OSH institutions / actors will consider or are already considering the development of such tools**
- **There is a common/share perception that:**
 - Ministries, Labour Inspectorates, Trade unions; employers' organisations; OSH national institutes... have to be involved in the process of developing and disseminating tools of good quality and of putting them at the disposal of end users for free;
 - there is a need / room for:
 - building on the experience of others;
 - adopting / adapting existing tools (instead of developing them from scratch) or build new e-tools based on the experience of others;
 - developing the tools in synergy/cooperation.

Purpose of this meeting

- **Put together the main actors concerned**
 - Increasing general awareness of OSH apps
 - Fostering networking, sharing of knowledge / ideas / information
- **Gather feedback / requests / proposals from the participants to help define EU-OSHA's policy / project on e-tools**
- **Share with you what EU-OSHA is already doing on this specific activity**

Quick update on the E-tools activity

- **EU-OSHA´ s decided to involve its main stakeholders in the task of setting up its policy / project on e-tools**
 - Discussions / presentations in internal meetings (with Board Members)
 - Specific seminars (like this one or the one held in Paris last year)
More info available at: <https://osha.europa.eu/en/seminars/expert-workshop-on-e-tools>
 - Liaising with networks like PEROSH / ILO,.. already involved in the task of developing these tools
- **By October 2015 (and based on the information, proposals gathered) EU-OSHA will submit a first proposal (e-tools policy) to be discussed at Agency level**
- **End 2015 will have a policy on the topic and then we will start planning the activities / initiatives to be carried out over the forthcoming years**