Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2018-19

Manage dangerous substances in the workplace, Good Practice Awards
HWC Summit 2019 Bilbao
Good Practice Awards 2018/19

The agenda of the ceremony:

My presentation
- The jury and its task,
- The jury process and criteria,
- An overview of the Award winners

Awards

Brief comments from winners
The purpose with the Good Practice Awards:

• “Demonstrating the benefits of good safety and health practice and provide a platform for sharing knowledge and experience”
The jury:

- Kris de Meester, Federation of Enterprises in Belgium,
- Rob Triemstra, Netherlands Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment,
- Wim van Veelen, Netherlands Federation of Trade Unions,
- Laura Vicente, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, and
- Mats Ryderheim, Swedish Work Environment Authority (retired), chair
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Our task:
To study 42 applications from 25 countries and to look for
- innovative and effective management of the handling and use of dangerous substances, and
- clear examples of how the good occupational safety and health practices were implemented and what was achieved.

Awards? Commend?
The jury process:

- Preparations at home,
- A meeting in early May, in order to discuss all applicants with the criteria as a basis.
- Support from two experts from EU-OSHA.
Some of the criteria:
- Prioritisation of collective measures,
- Commitment of management,
- Worker participation,
- Implementation,
- Sustainability,
- Legislation,
- Transferability.
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* VAKOS XT, a.s. & Service facility for the Ministry of the Interior, Czechia (illegal narcotics)
* Eiffage Infrastructures, France (hazardous solvents)
* Federal Association of Glazier Trades, Germany (asbestos)
* Mansholt BV, Netherlands (harmful dust)
* Peluquería Elvira, Spain (hazardous chemicals)
* Atlas Copco Industrial Technique AB, Sweden (carbon nanotubes)
VAKOS XT, a.s. & Service facility for the Ministry of the Interior, Czechia

“Detoxikon — minimising harm to public order and safety personnel from microdoses of illegal narcotics”

1. Decontamination of workplaces and vehicles
2. Training
3. Specific therapy
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Eiffage Infrastructures, France

“Eliminating hazardous solvent from the analysis of reclaimed material in the road repair and construction sector”

Before: Perchloroethylene was used.
After: An analysis method involving an infrared spectrometer is used.
Federal Association of Glazier Trades, Germany
“Safe and economical procedure for handling asbestos-containing putty in the glazing trade”

1. Establishing a technical procedure for the removal of asbestos-containing putty
2. Training
3. Awareness-raising actions
Mansholt BV, Netherlands

"Reducing worker exposure to harmful dust in the arable farming sector"

A combination of technical, organisational and personal protective measures have been carried out.
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Peluquería Elvira, Spain

” Substituting hazardous chemicals and ensuring safe, healthy and sustainable working conditions in the hairdressing sector”

1. Substitution
2. Risk assessment and adequate measures
3. Training programme
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Atlas Copco Industrial Technique AB, Sweden
“Protecting workers from potentially hazardous carbon nanotubes in the manufacturing sector”

Before: Working with PPE in the laboratory

After: Ventilated fume cupboards, safety routine for all
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Thank You for Your attention!

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