

Workshop “Methodologies to identify Work-Related Diseases – Review on sentinel and alert approaches”, 18th May 2017, Brussels

Questions for the World café exercise (14:30 – 16:00) - to be discussed in groups:

1) Drivers for alert and sentinel approaches/monitoring systems suitable for the detection of new work-related diseases (WRDs)

- Starting from your experience, and considering how your system works, what are the drivers for alert and sentinel approaches/monitoring systems suitable for the detection of new WRDs or work-related health problems?
- What are the specific features of your systems that make it work with regard to the identification of new WRDs?
- Which are the important actors needed to really make the systems work?
- Are there any WRDs or work-related health problems, types of exposures, sectors, workers' groups, etc. where this works best in terms of identification and monitoring?

2) Obstacles of alert and sentinel approaches/monitoring systems for the identification of new WRDs

- What are the obstacles of monitoring approaches/systems for the identification of new WRDs that you have encountered?
- What are the specific features of your systems that hinder it?
- How to cope with these obstacles?
- Are there any WRDs or health problems, types of exposures, sectors, workers' groups, etc. where this works least / could be improved?

3) The link with prevention

- What are the prerequisites that make alert and sentinel approaches/monitoring systems a real contribution to the prevention of the recorded work-related health problems and diseases? How does the link with workplace prevention work in your system?
- Which are the important actors needed to ensure that the information collected drives prevention at workplaces? Would you involve any one particularly to make the systems more efficient or more useful for prevention?
- Are there any WRDs or health problems, types of exposures, sectors, workers' groups, etc. where this works best in terms of identification/monitoring and link with prevention?
- How could the existing systems in your country be improved to address emerging WRD and work-related health problems and better target prevention, one of the aims being to shorten the time between recognition of an issue and prevention at the workplaces?
- Would you change anything to how the systems work to improve and enable prevention?

4) Alert function of systems

- How do your monitoring system(s) contribute to alerting of new WRDs or health problems?
- How can your system / existing monitoring systems be adapted to better alert of new WRDs or health problems?
- Are any of the existing alert and sentinel approaches/ aspects of monitoring systems suitable for the detection of new WRDs transferable between countries? Are there prerequisites that are needed for all systems?
- What new/emerging risks and WRDs have your systems allowed to identify?
- Have your systems allowed to set priorities for the prevention of new/emerging risks and WRDs and which ones (specific priority sectors, exposures, types of diseases)? What are the gaps?