

GROUP WORK ON 28/10 (10:40 – 12:00)

QUESTIONS:

Question 1: Scoping the foresight of NERs arising from new technologies (ca. 15 min.)

In our methodology proposal, we have phrased the “focal issue” of the foresight (i.e. the question to be answered in the foresight) as follows:

“How will the introduction of new technologies into the workplaces influence the future of OSH in a ten year time and what will be the new and emerging OSH risks resulting from these new technologies in 2020?”

- Do you think it is a well formulated/realistic question to be answered in a foresight study? If not, which phrasing do you recommend in order to make the question more feasible for our foresight,?
- Do you think we should narrow down the question to a specific type of technologies (e.g. Information and Communication Technologies?) or a specific sector (e.g. transports, or a specific manufacturing sector) so that the question is a more feasible/realistic one for our foresight?

Question 2: The methodology proposed based on scenarios development (ca. 15 min)

- Do you think that scenarios development is an appropriate method to answer our focal issue? If not, what alternative method would you recommend?
- Could you recommend specific instruments/tools for each of the sub-steps (e.g. experts' interviews, workshop, questionnaire-surveys, phone surveys) which have proven successful for the type of activity described in the sub-step?

Question 3: Selection of participants (ca. 15 min)

We believe it is essential for the success of the foresight and the acceptance of the outcome to involve our target group – policy makers - in all steps of the foresight.

In addition, we also want to involve experts/participants with varied expertise/ background.

- Which disciplines do you think it is essential to have represented in the foresight? What background/expertise do you think the participants should have for the different steps/ sub-steps of the method?
- How would you recommend proceeding to identify the appropriate participants? And moderator of the scenario building workshops? Could you recommend us good participants / moderator (now or later)?

Question 4: Time frame and resources (ca. 15 min)

- Do you think that the timeline proposed is realistic? If not, what would you recommend?
- In your experience, what do you think are the necessary human and financial resources to implement such a foresight study?