

TARGETS

With respect to gender aspects, demographic changes,

and new employment trends:

- Reduction of accidents at work and of occupational and work-related diseases
- Improving risk assessment, hazard awareness, and activities of prevention experts
- Raising awareness and education of OSH

STRUCTURE

- Federal Minister of Labour: commissioned the OSH – Advisory Board (OSH-AB)
- OSH - Advisory Board: regularised by law
- OSH – Expert Committee: appointed by OSH-AB
- Five working groups: appointed by OSH-AB
- Co-ordination: Central Labour Inspectorate

CO-OPERATING INSTITUTIONS

- Ministries, state governments
- Social partners, regulatory agencies
- Accident insurance companies
- Safety engineering and occupational health centres
- Universities and research centres and
- other stakeholder groups

FIVE SUBJECT AREAS AND WORKING GROUPS

- Risk assessment and hazard awareness
- Accident prevention
- Prevention of work-related and occupational diseases
- Advanced training and information concerning OSH
Improving the activities of prevention experts
- Raising awareness of OSH

WG 2

ACCIDENT PREVENTION

PROJECTS	STATUS
Review of organisational precautions in the companies for the use of selfpropelled work machines	finalised
Folder “Prevention of accidents in the construction sector”	under progress
Folder “Prevention of accidents at wood processing”	under progress
Folder “Prevention of accidents in the metal and electrical industries”	under progress

WG 1

RISK ASSESSMENT AND HAZARD AWARENESS

PROJECTS	STATUS
Review of evaluation in the cleaning trade	under progress
Folder “Principles of Risk Assessment”	under progress
Questionnaire „Risk Assessment in SMEs”	under progress
Workshop in the frame of the European Week 2008; participation	finalised
Questionnaire „Risk Assessment“ for investigation by the Labour Inspection (LI), the LI of agriculture and forestry and the LI of transport	under progress

WG 3

PREVENTION OF WORK-RELATED AND OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

PROJECTS	STATUS
Manual handling of loads in transport and care, 2007 (European Campaign: Lighten the load)	Report finalised
AUVAfit – participation: subject “Musculoskeletal and psychological strain”	under progress
Manual handling of loads in retail trade and construction, 2008 (European Campaign: Lighten the load)	under progress
Conference „Back and psyche under pressure“	finalised

Workshops during a conference in the frame of the European Week 2008 on risks assessment with the subject "Musculoskeletal and psychological strain"	finalised
Guidelines on how to prevent successfully musculoskeletal and psychological strain	under progress
Impulses towards stress at work	under progress
Implementing the controlling feature method (manual handling of loads) at construction sites	under progress, prospective finalisation 2012
„Char with care – healthy hands achieve more“	under progress

**WG 4
ADVANCED TRAINING AND INFORMATION CONCERNING OSH. IMPROVING THE ACTIVITIES OF PREVENTION EXPERTS**

PROJECTS	STATUS
Evaluation of training facilities for safety experts	under progress
Questionnaire on preventive services	under progress
Certification of advanced training	under progress
Sensitising to occupational safety and health at schools providing vocational education	under progress
Integration of occupational safety and health into vocational education	under progress

WG 5 RAISING AWARENESS OF OSH	
PROJECTS	STATUS
Best Practice Awareness raising campaign for enterprises from enterprises	First article already published, monthly completed in 2009
Good Practice Practical solutions to minimise strain from manual handling of loads	First article already published, quarterly completed in 2009
Sectoral solutions and failure management (near-accidents and unsafe conditions) for SMEs	Beginning prospectively 2009
Explosion protection in SMEs of certain branches	ongoing project

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