

# Austrian Occupational Safety and Health Strategy

## Essentials

Targets, stakeholders  
co-operating institutions  
subject areas and working groups



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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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

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### “Projects” of the five working groups

As of end of 2008



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## Project 1                      WG 1: “Risk assessment”

Review of evaluation in the cleaning trade

Focus campaign of the Labour Inspection (2008)

Status: under progress

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## Project 2                      WG 1: “Risk assessment”

Folder “Principles of Risk Assessment”

Conception, printing and distribution of a folder containing elements of risk assessment for the usage of SMEs (2008)

Status: under progress

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## Project 3

## WG 1: "Risk assessment"

### Questionnaire „Risk Assessment in SMEs”

Conception of a questionnaire and enquiry about the implementation of risk assessment in SMEs in practice (2008-2009)

Status: under progress

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## Project 4

## WG 1: "Risk assessment"

### Workshop in the frame of the European Week 2008

Planning and performing a workshop on the occasion of the European Week 2008 – subject "Workers' participation in risk assessment" (2008)

Status: finalised

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## Project 5

## WG 1: "Risk assessment"

Questionnaire „Risk Assessment“ for investigation by the Labour Inspection (LI), the LI of agriculture and forestry and the LI of transport

Common investigation of legal requirements of risk assessment by labour inspection authorities (2008-2009)

Status: under progress

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## Project 1

## WG 2: "accident prevention"

Review of organisational precautions in the companies for the use of self-propelled work machines

Focus campaign of the Labour Inspection (2008)

Status: finalised



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## Project 2                      WG 2: “accident prevention”

### Folder “Prevention of accidents in the construction sector”

Conception, printing and distribution of a folder containing elements of risk assessment for the usage of SMEs

Status: under progress

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## Project 3                      WG 2: “accident prevention”

### Folder “Prevention of accidents at wood processing”

Conception, printing and distribution of a folder containing elements of risk assessment for the usage of SMEs

Status: under progress

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## Project 4      WG 2: “accident prevention”

### Folder “Prevention of accidents in the metal and electrical industries”

Conception, printing and distribution of a folder containing elements of risk assessment for the usage of SMEs

Status: under progress

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## Project 1      WG 3: “prevention of diseases”

### Manual handling of loads in transport and care, 2007 (European Campaign: Lighten the load)

Focus campaign of the Labour Inspection in the frame of SLIC’s European campaign “Lighten the load” 2007

Status: Report finalised



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## Project 2      WG 3: “prevention of diseases”

### AUVAfit

Projects by the General Accidents Insurance Board (AUVA) aiming at procedures and participation in the subject “Musculoskeletal and psychological strain in enterprises”, 2007-2009

Status: under progress

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## Project 3      WG 3: “prevention of diseases”

Manual handling of loads in retail trade and construction, 2008 (European Campaign: Lighten the load)

Focus campaign of the Labour Inspection in the frame of SLIC’s European campaign “Lighten the load” 2008

Status: under progress

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## Project 4      WG 3: “prevention of diseases”

### Conference „Back and psyche under pressure“

International Health Symposium on 19th of June 2008, organised by the Chamber of Labour in Upper Austria in cooperation with the General Accidents Insurance Board et al.

**Status: finalised**

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## Project 4      WG 3: “prevention of diseases”

Workshops during a conference in the frame of the European Week 2008 on risks assessment with the subject “Musculoskeletal and psychological strain”

Planning and performing a workshop with the members and the contents of WG 3

**Status: finalised**

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## Project 6      WG 3: “prevention of diseases”

### Guidelines on how to prevent successfully musculoskeletal and psychological strain

Develop a concept in consideration of proven strategies on prevention and promotion of workers' health

Status: under progress

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## Project 7      WG 3: “prevention of diseases”

### Impulses towards stress at work

A project by the Austrian Trade Union Federation and human√ware financed by the General Accidents Insurance Board (2008-2010)

Status: under progress

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## Project 8      WG 3: “prevention of diseases”

Implementing the controlling feature method (manual handling of loads) at construction sites

Project by the WG “Construction” in order to implement the controlling feature method (manual handling of loads) at defined activities in cooperation between the Labour Inspection and the General Accidents Insurance Board

Status: under progress; prospective finalisation 2012

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## Project 9      WG 3: “prevention of diseases”

„Char with care – healthy hands achieve more“

Focus of the General Accidents Insurance Board

Status: under progress

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## Project 1                      WG 4: “Improving activities of prevention experts and education of OSH”

### Evaluation of training facilities for safety experts

Inquiry by questionnaire (2007-2008)

Status: under progress

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## Project 2                      WG 4: “Improving activities of prevention experts and education of OSH”

### Questionnaire on preventive services

Common investigation by labour inspection authorities (Labour Inspection, Labour Inspection of agriculture and forestry, Labour Inspection of transport)

Status: under progress

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**Project 3, 4      WG 4: “Improving activities of prevention experts and education of OSH”**

**Certification of advanced training**

**Sensitising to occupational safety and health at schools providing vocational education**

Status: under progress

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**Project 5      WG 4: “Improving activities of prevention experts and education of OSH”**

**Integration of occupational safety and health into vocational education**

Status: under progress



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## Project 1 WG 5: “Raising awareness of OSH”

### Best Practice

### Awareness raising campaign for enterprises from enterprises

Work healthily and safely – it pays off

Status: first article already published, monthly completed in 2009

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## Project 2 WG 5: “Raising awareness of OSH”

### Good Practice

### Practical solutions to minimise strain from manual handling of loads

Work healthily and safely – it pays off

Status: first article already published, quarterly completed in 2009

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## Project 3 WG 5: “Raising awareness of OSH”

**Sectoral solutions and failure management (near-accidents and unsafe conditions) for SMEs**

Work healthily and safely – it pays off

Status: Beginning prospectively 2009

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## Project 4 WG 5: “Raising awareness of OSH”

**Explosion protection in SMEs of certain branches**

Annual Work Plan 2009

Focus campaign of the Labour Inspection

Status: ongoing project

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Thank you for your attention!

