Roadmap on Carcinogens - Newsletter April 2018

**Dear friends of the roadmap,**

Springtime has arrived! We would like to celebrate the start of the new season with you with promising developments and an update of the roadmap.

**10 Ready-to-use factsheets online!**

Sharing information regarding carcinogenic substances in an easy and accessible way? No need to look any further, as the roadmap on carcinogens recently published 10 ready-to-use factsheets on asbestos, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHS), vinyl chloride, chromium VI, hardwood dust, welding fumes, silica dust, diesel engine exhaust, and benzene. In these factsheets, attention is paid to the risks, the substance itself, the symptoms and what possible actions could be taken to lessen the risk of exposure. Ten more factsheets will be published on acrylamide, ethylene oxide, trichloroethylene, cytostatic, cadmium, lead, nickel, beryllium, hydrazine and one with general information regarding STOP (the hierarchy of controls measures), in cooperation with the European Agency for Safety and Health. Find the [factsheets](https://roadmaponcarcinogens.eu/facts/fact-overview/) at the [roadmap website](https://roadmaponcarcinogens.eu/).

**‘Healthy workplaces manage dangerous substances’ – launch of new two-year Healthy Workplaces Campaign of EU-OSHA**

Targeting the general lack of awareness about dangerous substances and the harm it does to workers is what the recently launched Healthy Workplaces campaign of EU-OSHA does. According to the European Survey on Working Conditions, around 17% of European workers are exposed to chemicals for at least a quarter of their working time. Since dangerous substances can cause occupational diseases, the campaign aims at awareness raising and the provision of good practices for businesses. Additionally, the costs of exposure to carcinogenic substances alone is estimated at 2.4 billion euros in Europe each year. Want to read further about how to manage dangerous substances? Read [this article](https://healthy-workplaces.eu/en/business-case-sustainable-working-life) about the business case for investing in occupational safety and health and have a look at the [campaign website](https://healthy-workplaces.eu/en).

**Launch good practices award competition!**

Part of EU-OSHA’s campaign on dangerous substances is the Good Practice Award Competition. Did you develop a good practice regarding managing dangerous substances in the workplace and you want to share this knowledge? Apart from publicity, you actually could gain a place in the European Good Practice Award Competition! Contact your [national focal point](https://osha.europa.eu/en/about-eu-osha/national-focal-points/focal-points-index) with your good practice and share your knowledge with Europe as the competition starts the 14th of May!

**Coming up – book launch “work and cancer” of the ETUI**

Last but not least, save a spot on your reading list this summer as the European Trade Union Institute will launch the book on work and cancer in June this year! We will keep you posted. Meanwhile, plenty of interesting material is already available. Follow [this link](https://www.etui.org/Events/ETUI-conference-Work-and-cancer) to obtain the presentations of the speakers at the ETUI congress ‘work and cancer’, which had a broad coverage of aspects related to work and cancer, such as the revision of the European legislation, the role of occupational exposure limit values, costs and emerging risks.

We are curious to hear hints, tips, remarks and/or questions you may have. If you want to share them with us, please send them to info@roadmaponcarcinogens.eu.