

Roadmap on carcinogens

State of play 2016 - 2018

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The roadmap in short

- 6 partners signed a covenant in May 2016 at EU-NL presidency conference
- Voluntary action scheme to reduce exposure to carcinogens at the workplace
- Offers practical support to businesses
- By sharing knowledge and building network across Europe

Intermediate results of the roadmap on carcinogens

Numbers

- More than half of Europe
- >1000 Friends
- 64 Events
- 100 GP

Material

- Factsheets
- Poster
- Animation
- Presentation kit

Example of national action I

- Substitution
 - National conference substitution of carcinogens
 - Plenary session and workshop
- Technical measures
 - Workshop with labour inspection and TNO
 - Exchange companies



National conference on substitution

Example of national action II

- Organisational measures
 - Webinar
 - Construction sector, union rep, behavioural expert, occupational hygienist
- Personal protection
 - Workshop on behavioural change
 - Experimental set-up



Webinar on organisational measures

Concluding

- A platform for knowledge exchange and materials to help businesses tackle carcinogens at the workplace is a start...
- ...But more action is needed!

EU-OSHA and the national Focal Points

Actions under the Healthy
Workplaces campaign and
roadmap

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EU-OSHA support to action on carcinogens

Preventing risks from carcinogens one of the strategic objectives of the HWC 2018/19

- A joint HWC18/19 info sheet on carcinogens
- Promotion of ongoing actions on the webpage
- An annual event
- Promotion of selected tools and instruments
- Support to the European Commission
- Case studies and good practices

The screenshot displays the website of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA). The page is titled 'Roadmap on carcinogens' and is part of the 'Dangerous substances' theme. The navigation menu includes 'Themes', 'Emerging risks', 'Surveys & Statistics', 'Legislation', 'Campaigns & Awards', 'Tools & Publications', and 'About EU-OSHA'. The main content area features a 'Roadmap on carcinogens' section with logos for the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, BUSINESSEUROPE, the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, the European Commission, the SYNDICAT EUROPEEN TRADE UNION, and the Ministerie van Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid. A circular logo on the right reads 'FRIENDS OF THE ROADMAP ON CARCINOGENS' and 'SHARING GOOD PRACTICES'. Below the logos, there is a section titled 'Taking action on work-related cancer' which states: 'Cancer is estimated to be the leading cause of work-related deaths in the EU. It is clear that more can be done to reduce the number of cases of occupational cancer, and that's why, on 25 May 2016, six European organisations signed a covenant committing them to a voluntary action scheme to raise awareness of the risks arising from exposures to carcinogens in the workplace and exchange good practices. The partners are: • The Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection • BUSINESSEUROPE (European employers) • The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)'. The left sidebar lists various themes such as 'Ageing & OSH', 'Benefits of OSH', 'Dangerous substances', 'REACH', 'CLP', 'Roadmap on carcinogens', 'Commission's proposal on carcinogens', 'Leadership & worker participation', 'Mainstreaming OSH into education', 'Micro and small enterprises & OSH', 'Musculoskeletal disorders', 'Nanomaterials', 'Stress & psychosocial risks', 'Women & OSH', and 'Young people & OSH'.

<https://osha.europa.eu/en/themes/dangerous-substances/roadmap-to-carcinogens>

Survey among our Focal Points

on their activities related to carcinogens

- 20 respondents, of those:
- 13 officially subscribed to the roadmap via Focal Point or Minister
- 10 are translating the roadmap factsheets
- 15 are organizing events related to carcinogens or work-related cancer, a transnational conference (BENELUX)

Survey among our Focal Points - Actions

- Vocational school visits – Truck: game, NAPO film, quiz
Day of chemical safety at work for primary school children
- Inspection campaigns, e.g. rel. to specific carcinogens
Exposure assessment – inspection and measurement
- Training, guidance/tools, incl. linked to new legislation
- Health surveillance incl. spec. guidance, e.g. those formerly exposed to occupational carcinogens
- National or regional strategies, e.g. on the prevention of occ. diseases
- Includes REACH/CLP, e.g. focus on safety data sheets and labelling, and how to translate info for workplaces

Survey among our Focal Points - Focus

- SMEs
- Groups: young construction workers, young people.
- Sectors: agriculture; aquaculture; basic chemistry; cleaning; construction, engineering, hairdressers; healthcare; leather; metallurgy/ metalworking; repair of cars and motorcycles; rubber & plastics; transport (road, sea and rail); wood.
- Substances: asbestos, benzene, classified CMR substances, chromium, diesel/DME, nickel, UV, welding fumes, silica, (hard)wood dust.

Thank you for your attention!

https://healthy-workplaces.eu/en/search?search_block_form=carcinogens

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