

HWC Campaign 2018/19

Healthy workplaces manage
dangerous substances



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Healthy workplaces campaign 2018-19

- Coordinated by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
- Organised in more than 30 countries
- Supported by a network of partners:
 - National focal points
 - Official campaign partners
 - European social partners
 - Media partners
 - Enterprise Europe Network
 - EU institutions
 - Other EU agencies

Facts and figures

- Chemical or biological substances are present in 38 % of workplaces according to EU-OSHA's workplace survey ⁽¹⁾
- Large enterprises often use more than 1,000 different chemical products
- A single worker can come into contact with hundreds of different chemical substances
- 18 % of EU workers report being exposed to chemicals for at least 25% of their working time ⁽²⁾
- New risks are emerging all the time

(1) Summary — Second European Survey of Enterprises on New and Emerging Risks (ESENER-2), EU-OSHA, 2015, p. 5. Available at: <https://osha.europa.eu/sites/default/files/publications/documents/esener-ii-summary-en.PDF>

(2) Sixth European Working Conditions Survey, Overview Report, Eurofound, 2016, p. 43. Available at: https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/sites/default/files/ef_publication/field_ef_document/ef1634en.pdf

Cancer and carcinogens

- Cancer the 2nd main cause of death in the EU
- 1 out of 4 deaths are caused by cancer (lung cancer at the top)
 - under 65, 1 out of 3 deaths
- 4 – 8 % occupational cancer deaths on average, but rates are not the same for all cancers
- Cost at least € 334 (242 – 440) billion
- Work-related cancer
 - Half of work-related deaths in the EU
 - ~ 102,500 occupational cancer deaths per year in the EU-28
- European Commission priority - Key OSH action: fighting occupational cancer (COM(2017) 12)
 - Changes to the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive (2004/37/EC)

Carcinogens

- Carcinogens cause the majority of fatal occupational diseases in the EU
- Many carcinogens are process-generated substances
- Every year, occupational exposure to carcinogens causes:
 - Range between 91,500 - 150,500 people to develop cancer
 - Range between 57,700 - 106,500 deaths (RIVM, 2016)
 - Many cases of occupational cancer are preventable
- Stricter measures apply to carcinogens than to other dangerous substances, e.g. working in a closed system, restricting workers' access and record-keeping

Strategic Objectives

1. Raising awareness of the importance and relevance of managing dangerous substances in many European workplaces by providing facts and figures on the exposure to dangerous substances and the impact of this on workers.
2. Promoting risk assessment, elimination and substitution and the hierarchy of prevention measures by providing information on practical tools and good practice examples.
3. Raising awareness of risks linked to exposure to carcinogens at work by supporting the exchange of good practices as a signatory to the covenant committing to the Carcinogens Roadmap.
4. Targeting groups of workers with specific needs and higher levels of risks, due to limited knowledge in relation to dangerous substances by providing facts and figures and good practice information.
5. Improving awareness of policy developments/ legislative framework by providing an overview of the existing framework and existing guidance.

Taking action on work-related cancer

The Roadmap on Carcinogens aims to support policy, and help share information and 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 European Commission
- The European Trade Union Confederation
- The Netherlands Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment

HWC 2018-19: Campaign resources

- Campaign guide
 - Practical e-tool
 - Reports
 - Series of info sheets on priority topics
 - Database of resources and tools
 - Case studies and audio-visual database
 - OSHwiki: updated section and new articles
 - Training for substitution materials
 - Napo films
- Promotion material
 - Campaign leaflet
 - Good Practice Awards flyer
 - Poster
 - Videos
 - Online banner
 - Email signature
 - Links to useful sites



HWC 2018-19: Dangerous Substances e-tool

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Dangerous Substances e-tool

Find and reduce the safety and health hazards associated with dangerous substances and chemical products in workplaces within your company.

You can either start with a very short (Quick Start) questionnaire with seven questions or immediately start with a more detailed questionnaire of 36 questions. If you use the long questionnaire, you can save your answers and continue later. Once you have completed the long questionnaire, you can print a report, 'My Chemical Guide' that includes your answers, a to-do checklist and recommendations for good practices and measures.



7 Questions



Quick start

MY CHEMICAL GUIDE — QUICK
START

Up
to 36 Questions



Quick start

MY CHEMICAL GUIDE — LONG
QUESTIONNAIRE

Key dates

24 April 2018

- Launch of the campaign
- Start of the Healthy Workplaces Good Practice Awards competition

October 2018 and 2019

- The European Week for Safety and Health at Work

November 2019

- The Healthy Workplaces Summit
- Other events will of course be held throughout 2018 and 2019, including meetings organised by national focal points and other campaign partners.

Further information

- Learn more at the campaign website:
 - www.healthy-workplaces.eu
- Subscribe to our campaign newsletter:
 - <https://healthy-workplaces.eu/en/healthy-workplaces-newsletter>
- Keep up to date with activities and events through social media:



- Find out about events in your country from your focal point:
 - www.healthy-workplaces.eu/fops

Thank you
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