



**STOP
THE
PANDEMIC**

OSHVET & EVBB

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#EUhealthyworkplaces
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“Provide those involved in OSH with relevant technical, scientific and economic information and qualified expertise in order to improve the working environment”

“Enhance and disseminate knowledge, provide evidence and services for policy-making and facilitate knowledge sharing”

EU-OSHA – a regulatory agency

- **Autonomous** legal entity set up by the legislator
- Governed by **European law**
- Most often **financed** from the general EU budget
- **Financially** and **administratively** autonomous
- Independent in execution of **tasks**
- One of 40+ very different EU Agencies
- Intended to support effective implementation of EU policies

Four units

- Prevention and research
- Communication, campaigning and promotion
- Networking and coordination
- Resource management

Resources

- c.15 mio EUR budget
- Budget mainly from EU subsidy (also from local authorities, EEA-EFTA, programme funds)
- c.65 staff members

Our main challenge - Reaching SMEs!

- Estimates from the project on the costs and benefits of OSH indicate that **work-related injuries and illnesses cost the EU around €476 billion each year. The cost of work-related cancer alone amounts to €119.5 billion.**
- Of all occupational injuries in the EU, **82 % occur in SMEs. Over 99% of all EU enterprises are SMEs.** This equates to around **22 million EU businesses**

Let's go for a new challenge – Reaching young people!

- On 1 January 2020 the population of the EU-27 was estimated at **447.7 million**.
- Less than one third of the EU-27 population was under the age of 30 as of 1 January 2019, with children aged 0-14 years accounting for a 15 % share and **young people aged 15-29 years for 17 % (76 million)**.
- **So they are 76 million good reasons for standing up and fight for better working conditions!**

How to reach 22 million SMEs and 76 million young people? Go networking!

- **We already use communication partnerships and networking to help get the message across and maximise information dissemination and impact at national/ local level**
 - Focal points (FoPs) and their national networks
 - Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) with DG GROW and EASME – EEN OSH Ambassadors in 26 countries
 - Official Campaign Partners – around 100 international companies, federations, trade unions...
 - Media partners – Over 30 Media in all EU countries
 - **Last but not least:** the network of the European Association of Institutes for Vocational Training (EVBB) <http://evbb.eu/> and the network of the European forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (EfVET) <https://www.efvet.org/>.

▪ What do we want to do?

- EU-OSHA has already developed several initiatives to mainstream OSH into Education/Youth. The objective of the new OSHVET project **is to raise awareness of the importance of OSH to Vocational schools in the EU and EEA countries** providing teachers and students with easy access to existing practical OSH information and useful contacts at national and regional levels.

▪ How do we want to achieve it?

- As we did fifteen years ago when we presented to our Focal Points (FoPs) representatives of the EEN network to disseminate OSH information to SMEs; we would like to present **to FoPs national representatives of two large pan-European networks dedicated to Vocational Education and Training** to disseminate OSH information to vocational schools in each country.

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▪ Who are the partners in play?

- EU-OSHA's network of Focal points: <https://osha.europa.eu/en/about-eu-osha/national-focal-points/focal-points-index>
- The European Association of Institutes for Vocational Training (EVBB): <http://evbb.eu/>
- The European forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (EfVET): <https://www.efvet.org/>.

▪ Where are we with the project? How do we want to go further?

- 6 countries agreed to be part of a pilot project (BE, NL, NO, DE, ES, PT) in the first half of 2020.
- First contacts between FoPs and VET partners were very positive. There is a real common interest in this new partnership.
- Ideas and even initiatives have already emerged of these fruitful first exchanges.
- We are extrapolating the project to other countries.

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OSHVET – We have plenty of information to share!

- **Young people and OSH**
 - **Safe Start Campaign for young workers (2006)**
<https://osha.europa.eu/en/healthy-workplaces-campaigns>

 - **Young people and safety and health at work**
<https://osha.europa.eu/en/themes/young-workers>. All related publications can be accessed from this link.

- **Mainstreaming OSH into Education**
 - **Mainstreaming OSH into Education project**
https://www.enetosh.net/webcom/show_article.php/_c-29/i.html. All related publications can be accessed from this link.

- **Healthy Workplaces Campaigns (HWC) - <https://osha.europa.eu/en/healthy-workplaces-campaigns>**

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- **Online interactive Risk Assessment Tool (OiRA) - <https://oiraproject.eu/en/>**
 - Easy-to-use free online tools to guide micro and small enterprises through the risk assessment process.
 - More information/Latest figures
 - <https://osha.europa.eu/en/tools-and-resources/infographics?tid=2967>
- **e-Guides / e-Tools - <https://osha.europa.eu/en/tools-and-resources/e-guides>**
 - Our interactive and multilingual e-guides and e-tools provide information, guidance and practical examples for occupational safety and health (OSH) management at the workplace.
- **Covid-19: Resources for the Workplace - https://osha.europa.eu/en/themes/covid-19-resources-workplace#pk_campaign=ban_homecw**

OSHVET – FAST - We organise plenty of activities all over Europe!

▪ **Events**

- National events for 15, 30, 50, 75, 100, 150, 300 people
- Transnational events
- Film screenings followed by debates
- Info Points for 3 or 5 days

▪ **Media & PR activities**

- Good practices exchange visits from SMEs and MSEs to larger companies
- Organisation of Press conferences
- Tripartite visits to FoPs
- Copywriting and dissemination of press releases
- Placement of professional articles
- Organisation of Journalists' visits
- Organisation of Journalists and experts round tables
- Organisation of interviews
- Media training
- Social media training

▪ **Distribution of Campaigns publications and giveaways**

**Safety and Health at Work is everyone's concern.
It's good for you. It's good for business.**

... And it's good for young people.