



KRIS DE MEESTER

Chair of the Health and Safety Group, BusinessEurope

Kris De Meester (1966) is first adviser at the Federation of Enterprises in Belgium covering the field of health and safety at work as well as international social affairs. He holds a degree in chemical and agricultural engineering (University of Leuven 1989) as well as a master in business administration (University Louvain-La-Neuve 1990) and special degrees in environmental sciences and safety and health at work.

After having worked 7 years on environmental issues for Unizo, the self-employed and SME organization in Belgium, Kris joined FEB in 1998 to deal with health, safety and wellbeing at work. In that capacity he now is the employer's group spokesperson in the European Commission's Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work. He is the chairman of the Health and Safety working group of BusinessEurope, the Union of Industrial and Employers Confederations of Europe. Kris is also a member of the governing board and the bureau of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA Bilbao), the governing board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Dublin), the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO Geneva), the Governing Body of the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin, the GOSH (Global OSH network of the International Organisation of Employers), the National Council for Prevention and Protection at Work in Belgium and the National Council the Protection against Fire and Explosion in Belgium.

He is also CEO of the organization Contractor Safety Management that operates B2B contractor safety management schemes in Belgium (BeSaCC: Belgian Safety Criteria for Contractors and VCA-SCC: Safety health and environment Checklist Contractors) with approximately 3000 certified companies and 100.000 workers and supervisors trained on a yearly base.

Kris is president of Blocks, a company providing innovative high impact safety training videos and training platforms for business and vice-president of ANPI fire and intrusion protection agency.

Kris also runs a business of his own (Bizz-Con Inc.) delivering support, guidance, training and the organisation of projects and company events in the fields of health and safety, well-being at work, environment, human resources management, industrial relations, creativity, innovation and networking.

Together with a partner he's in charge of KY2, a company active in the development, management and distribution of training manuals, training catalogs, checklists, examinations, exercises newsletters, database's, monitoring tools and other instruments for business purposes.

IT & LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Mac & PC: advanced computer skills
- All Microsoft Office Applications (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook)
- Adobe Acrobat Pro
- Image & Video editing (Lightroom, Animoto, Tagxedo, iMovie, Picasa,...)
- Website construction
- Mother tongue: Dutch
- Other languages: English (understanding C2, speaking C2, writing C2) – French (understanding C2, speaking C2, writing C2) – German (understanding C1-C2, speaking B2-B1, writing B1) – Spanish (understanding A2, speaking A1)

ARTISTIC SKILLS

- Photography

OTHER SKILLS

- Social engagement in society: in the boy scouts movement as a leader and as founder of the former boy scout association in my home town
- Active sportsman (30 years of volley competition, sailing)