Fight against Occupational Cancer Conference

Background notes for the Fight against Occupational Cancer Conference on 24-25 September 2018

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Workshop 1 – Risk-based approaches as a basis for transparency and socially accepted measures for activities with carcinogenic substances

- Chaired by: Rüdiger Pipke (Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, BAUA, Germany)

Risk-based limit values are the result of ethical and social discussions on levels of risk which are regarded as acceptable or no longer acceptable. Elements of risk-based limit values encompass transparency in the way they are derived, implemented and linked to management concepts. This is illustrated by examples from three Member States. Furthermore, possibilities and ways for an EU-wide approach of a harmonised level of acceptable risk as a benchmark for regulatory decisions will be discussed.

Workshop 2: 'Working together to eliminate Occupational Cancer – the views of the Social Partners at EU level on workplace risk management and health monitoring.'

- Chaired by Robin Foster (Health and Safety Executive HSE, UK)

The workshop will explore the successes, and occasionally the frustrations, experienced by the social partners and governments as they work together in the context of the EU Advisory Committee on Safety and Health (ACSH) to promote legal and practical improvements to reduce the toll of cancer and ill-health from exposure to chemicals in workplaces.

Workshop 3: Raising awareness and exchanging good practices to prevent and control exposure – the roadmap on carcinogens

- Chaired by Elke Schneider, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

In this workshop examples of good practices and awareness-raising will be presented and discussed. An update on the activities under the Healthy workplaces campaign and the roadmap on carcinogens initiative will be followed by two presentations: our distinguished speakers will share information on how knowledge transfer from CAREX Canada has contributed to priority setting and prevention and how IOSH´s No time to loose campaign has been successfully tailored to the needs of the target groups. Interactive communication with the audience is also foreseen. Keep your smartphones ready!