



Work Related Vehicle Safety

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Introduction: what is the problem?

Every year in Europe there are:

331 million people of working age in EU

215 million people in employment in Europe

More than 5,500 fatalities

6.9 million workers have an accident at work

23 million persons with work related health problems ~10% of workforce (EU-27 source Eurostat)

Cost of work related accident and diseases estimated to be between 2.6% and 3.6% of GDP (source EU OSHA)



Accidents and ill-health hinder economic growth.

28% of workers think their jobs is a threat to their health and safety (EWCS)

73% of accidents led to at least 1 day absence

22% led to a 1 month absence

100 000 accidents led to permanent incapacity

495 million lost working days due to accidents and work-related health problems



Community Strategy 2007 to 2012 on Health and safety at Work

Major contribution that guaranteeing quality of work and productivity can play in promoting economic growth and employment

Importance of effective OSH policies to ensure accident and illness do not inhibit growth or competitiveness

Supports main commitment of Lisbon strategy to increase employment and productivity through greater competitiveness



OSH pays, but for who?

Preventing occupational accidents should make good economic sense for society as well as being good business practice for companies

Stakeholders do not automatically invest because each considers private costs and benefits rather than societal costs and benefits.

Reducing Work Related Vehicle Risk

*29% fatal accidents due to loss of control of means of transport or handling equipment.
First cause of fatal accident at work*

Main types:

42% light vehicles

28% HGV

6% 2 or 3 wheelers



Reducing Work Related Vehicle Risk

Problem for young workers 13% of all fatal accidents for <25 years involved 2 or 3 wheels

In 2005, 8% fatal accidents at work in age range 18-24 years.



Advisory Committee on Safety Health WP Vehicle Risk

Working Party will assist the Commission in the analysis of Reducing Work Related Vehicle Risk: specifically in the area of Driving for Work.

One task of the working group:

to assist the Commission in its work to prepare the technical specifications for the launch of an open invitation to tender with a view to developing a draft non-binding guide to help improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the protection of workers from Work Related Vehicle Risks.



The project....

DG EMPL B3 proposes to produce a "Non-binding good practice guide to Reducing Work Related Vehicle Risk", which would also include vehicles and handling equipment used at an Employers premises.

This work will be undertaken in full transparency with DG MOVE, and DG SANCO (e.g. for driving under the influence of drugs and medicines) who would be invited to participate in the Working Group.

EU-OSHA could contribute to the development and dissemination of the guide.



Roadmap past....

2010:

Present "Business case" to ACSH plenary to establish project

2011:

Create Working Group on Reducing Work Related Vehicle Risk. (June, mandate adopted. Nomination to WG by December)



Roadmap present...

2012:

Establish scope of project. Develop technical terms of reference.

Two meetings to develop the technical specifications for the open call for tender. Publish Open call for tender for creation of guide. (~ end May)

*December select contractor and start work.
(Estimated cost €400k for 2 years work).*

(In parallel define work related vehicle safety as a key feature in H&S Strategy 2014-2020)???



Roadmap Future....

2013:

Ongoing development of guide, with supervision by the Monitoring Committee. (3-4 meetings during the year)

2014:

During the year guide should be finalised. (2-3 meetings)

2015:

*Formal opinion of document by ACSH.
Translation and publication.*



Benefits of OSH

Conclusion: change your attitude!

OSH is a business enabler that pushes companies to perform better

Investment costs in OSH can be used to make a contribution to achieving company objectives

Good OSH becomes a key part of corporate culture

OSH is not only about legal compliance, it gives a competitive advantage and improves business performance



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