

Working together for risk prevention Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2012-13

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European Agency for Safety and Health at Work EU-OSHA

- European body based in Bilbao
- Key role to support the collection, sharing and exchange of information on occupational safety and health
- Governing Board of governments, employers and workers organisations
- Working with a network of 'focal points' in EU member states, candidate countries and EFTA. And with key organisations worldwide
- www.osha.europa.eu





Introduction

- Why a European campaign 'Working together for risk prevention'
- Worker participation in the road transport sector
 - Examples from EU-OSHA case studies
- Getting involved in the campaign
- OiRA online risk assessment tool





Why a campaign to promote working together?

Essential principles for high performance in health and safety are:

- Management system based on risk assessment
- Implementation: planning, delivering, monitoring, review

But also

- Strong and active leadership
- Worker participation to identify risks & ensure solutions practical

Campaign promoting

- Full and genuine participation of workers and representatives informing, consulting, training and allowing and encouraging participation in decisions
- A culture in which everyone accepts their rights, roles and responsibilities and works together to prevent ill-health and injury





A two-way process...

...where employers and employees/employee representatives:

- Talk to one another
- Listen to one another's concerns
- Raise concerns and solve problems together
- Seek and share views and information
- Discuss issues in good time
- Consider what everyone has to say
- Always give feedback
- Make decisions together

Requires collaboration, openness, trust and respect





Worker participation in road transport needs special attention

Drivers - self-employed, very experienced + work independently, irregular hours and away from a fixed base:

- Low involvement in workplace issues
- Limited contact with supervisors or each other
- Limited opportunities for meetings and training
- Feel isolated
- Lack information about what is happening
- Lack of control and support
 - e.g. delivery schedules *vs* driving safely
- Language barriers







Worker participation in road transport – essential for effective solutions

Drivers: self-employed, very experienced, independent

- Solutions developed by drivers for drivers
- Ensure approaches are practical but not patronising.
- Allow sufficient time
 - discuss, plan, trial, revise and introduce change
- Overcome resistance to change
- Drivers as advocates







Creating conditions for worker involvement

- Leadership, commitment, promotion, arrangements
- Systematic, consistent and planned
 - Does not have to be complicated
 - Combine worker representatives/ safety committees with direct participation
 - Combine formal and informal methods
 - Risk assessment, planning, implementation, review
- Training for supervisors, management and worker representatives
- Two-way communication system
 - Good information flow everyone knows what's going on
 - Channel for staff to report problems, make suggestions
 - Listen Act Feedback



Examples from case studies

- 'My back is devilishly important' –Working group of drivers to develop a training programme + pictorial book, also used toolbox meetings and individual feedback to get views. Drivers involved in selection of trailers
- 'Trim Truckers' annual meetings to identify company and driver needs. Occupational physiotherapist visits workplace to discuss problems with drivers
- 'Sharing driver knowledge of delivery sites' integrated into IT system active participation of drivers throughout: identifying issues (delivery times, simple language), training material, further development





Examples from case studies

- 'Computerised system to manage working hours' regular employeremployee discussions, orientation events, training sessions, worker representatives and system itself
- 'Working conditions of women bus drivers' working group, mentors, encourage women to become trade union representatives
- 'Using accident reports to find solutions' drivers encouraged to report incidents & near-misses and voice concerns about delivery locations
- Experienced drivers delivery training and feedback sessions
- Daily reports surveys exchange meetings brainstorming pilot trials…



Inclusive participation in road transport – challenges/needs

- Enabling all to participate... shiftworkers, part-timers, women etc.
- Owner drivers safety procedures often directly or indirectly under your control - specify reporting requirements, involve them in consultations, meetings
- Customer involvement delivery sites
- Large organisations: set OSH standards for delivery contractors etc.
- Encourage workers to get involved, including as worker representatives







Conclusions on worker participation

Full worker participation:

 Requires effective communication and consultation, trust and respect, collaboration and partnership, talking, listening and cooperating

Benefits of good worker participation:

- Makes best use of everyone's knowledge
- Brings business benefits in terms of lower rates of injury
- Frequently results in increased productivity, quality and efficiency
- Stronger employee commitment
- Greater cooperation
- Joint problem-solving



How to get involved in the campaign

Get involved by:

- <u>Disseminating</u> campaign information and materials
- Joining in events, conferences, competitions, advertising campaigns
 - More about activities in your country from national focal point www.healthy-workplaces.eu/fops
- Organising your own activities European Weeks for Safety and Health at Work - October 2012 and 2013

European Good Practice Awards

- Encourage managers and workers to work together
- Winners chosen from entries submitted by national focal points http://osha.europa.eu/en/about/competitions

Pan-European organisations: apply to be campaign partners





Resources

- Practical guides for workers and managers
- Good practice examples
- Presentations and animated video clips
- All available in 24 languages
 <u>www.healthy-workplaces.eu</u>

 http://osha.europa.eu/en/topics/worker-participation





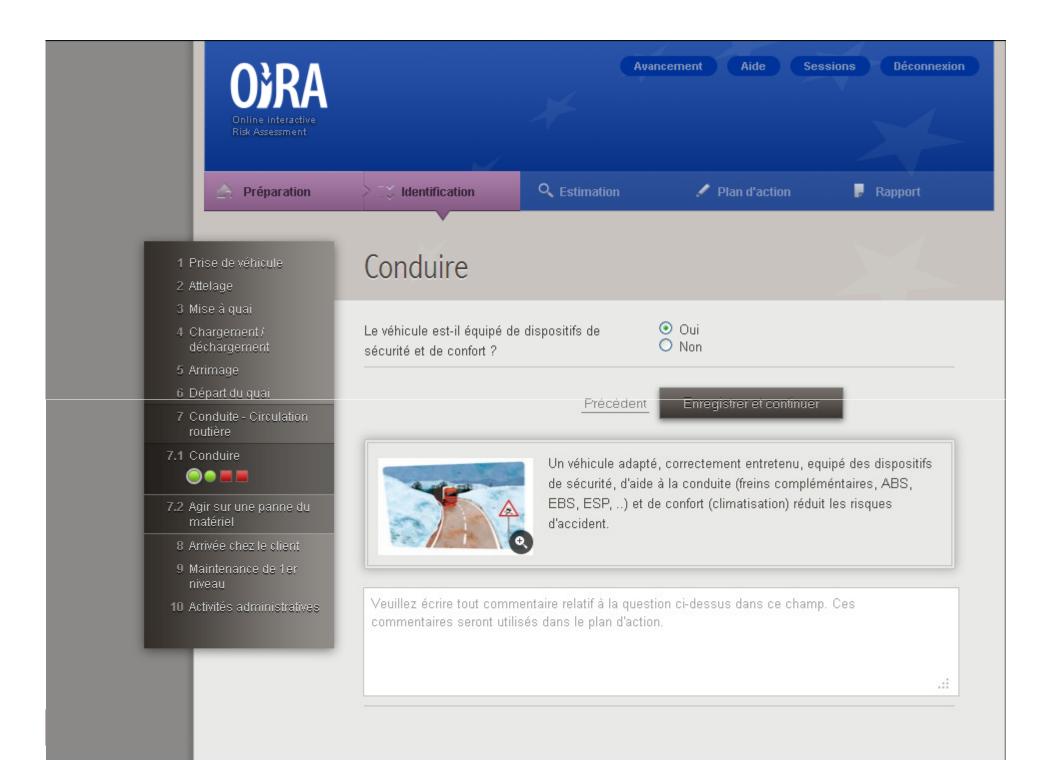


News: Online Interactive Risk Assessment OiRA

- EU-OSHA provides web platform for development of online risk assessment tools by others - OiRA
- French OSH national research institute INRS with social partners:
 - Transfer of an existing risk assessment guide to online version using the OiRA web application
 - At trial stage in workplaces
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