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Enterprise Europe Network and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work: a successful collaboration



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Enterprise Europe Network

The world's largest support Network for SMEs with international ambitions.

Bringing together around **600 business support organizations** from more than **60 countries**, helps small companies seize to take the business opportunities in the EU Single Market.

EU - OSHA

The **European Agency for Safety and Health at Work** is the European Union information agency for occupational safety and health

EU-OSHA raises awareness, disseminates information and carries out research on the importance of worker's health and safety for European social and economic stability and growth.

EU-OSHA has a **national focal point** in each Member State. The FOPs are primary contributors to the implementation of EU-OSHA's work programmes.

<https://osha.europa.eu/en>



EU – OSHA: Communication Partnership Project

In 2009 a Declaration of Intention for Cooperation between DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) and EU-OSHA opened the doors to a major and strategic partnership with the Enterprise Europe Network.

The Declaration was renewed and reinforced in 2015 for the current programming period (2015-2020) in the framework of this collaboration the development of communication partnerships at national level is vital to improve EU-OSHA's outreach to SMEs and high-risk sectors.

<https://osha.europa.eu/en/about-eu-osha/what-we-do/corporate-strategy-and-work-programmes/cooperation-with-other-agencies>



DECLARATION OF INTENTION FOR COOPERATION
BETWEEN
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL INTERNAL MARKET, INDUSTRY, ENTREPRENEURSHIP
AND SMEs OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION (DG GROW) AND
THE EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK (EU-OSHA) AND
THE EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES
(EASME)

DG GROWTH and EU-OSHA - the mission of which is to make European workplaces safer, healthier and more productive - reaffirm that an effective occupational safety and health (OSH) policy is not only essential for the well-being of workers, but also ensures that enterprises and economies thrive in the long term.

The Enterprise Europe Network has a key role to play in raising the awareness of OSH amongst SMEs and micro enterprises. It is fundamental to inform them of the importance of carrying out risk assessment and of the benefits of an effective OSH policy.

DG GROWTH (the former DG Enterprise and Industry) through the Enterprise Europe Network OSH ambassadors and EU-OSHA with its network of Focal Points have already established successful working relations and communication partnerships in the frame of the EU-OSHA Healthy Workplaces Campaigns between 2009 and 2015.

In line with past collaborations between the Enterprise Europe Network and EU-OSHA and its network of Focal Points, DG GROWTH and EU-OSHA declare their intention to continue cooperating closely in the task of disseminating essential information on OSH for the benefit of SMEs and micro enterprises in Europe.

This declaration aims to define the needs and expectations that the Enterprise Europe Network has of EU-OSHA as well as the network's

Enterprise Europe Network needs and

- There is a need for the Enterprise Europe Network to disseminate OSH essential information products will be made available in its own language.
- There is a need for training, both for the SMEs and micro enterprises, EU-OSHA Enterprise Network with specific activities

- Network members, their associated partners and other partners to acquire basic knowledge on OSH essentials, risk assessment and the importance of OSH.
- EU-OSHA will provide the Enterprise Europe Network with privileged access to its information so as to allow network members to act as an interface between EU-OSHA and SMEs and micro enterprises.
- EU-OSHA will maintain a section on its website devoted to the collaboration between the Enterprise Europe Network and EU-OSHA.
- EU-OSHA will ensure that the Enterprise Europe Network is provided with feedback on their services by Focal Points and SMEs.
- EU-OSHA and the Enterprise Europe Network will join forces in promotion activities aiming at awareness raising among SMEs and micro enterprises.

Commitments of DG GROWTH, EASME and EU-OSHA:

- DG GROWTH/EASME will contribute to enhancing EU-OSHA's visibility and to raising awareness of SMEs and micro enterprises on the existence and main aspects of OSH essentials and risk assessment.
- DG GROWTH/EASME will encourage the Enterprise Europe Network to raise awareness of OSH.
- DG GROWTH/EASME will ensure that EU-OSHA is provided with feedback on the needs of SMEs in the area of OSH.
- DG GROWTH/EASME will create a link on the Enterprise Europe network website devoted to the collaboration between the Enterprise Europe network and EU-OSHA.
- DG GROWTH/EASME will provide EU-OSHA an access to the Internet of the Enterprise Europe Network to organise a virtual forum and undertake surveys in order to measure the level of awareness and knowledge of the Enterprise Europe Network staff on the issue.
- DG GROWTH/EASME will offer the possibility to EU-OSHA to become an associated partner of the network.
- DG GROWTH/EASME and EU-OSHA will agree on objectives and a work plan yearly.

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The Enterprise Europe Network role

The Enterprise Europe Network is fundamental to inform the companies of the importance of carrying out risk assessments and of the benefits of an effective OSH policy.

To carry out this task, the Network nominates **EEN OSH ambassadors** at country level. Their role consists in:

- **Coordinating** - they are the link at national level between EU-OSHA, FOPs and national Network members and their client SMEs.
- **Promoting** - they relay the information they get from EU-OSHA and FOPs to national Network members and their client SMEs.
- **Reporting** - they report back to EU-OSHA on Enterprise Europe Network activities aimed at raising awareness on OSH.



EEN OSH Ambassadors

The EEN counts **23 OSH Ambassadors** that work in tight collaboration with the National OSHA Focal Points. Thanks to this joint effort more than **11.000 person** were involved in events organized in 2019 on OSH topics

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EU-OSHA 2018–19 Campaign: Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances

The Italian EEN partners in close collaboration with **INAIL**, the national focal point, actively participated at **EU-OSHA 2018-2019 Campaign: Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances**.

The campaign aimed to raise awareness of the risk posed by dangerous substances in the workplace and to promote the culture of risk prevention.

It was strongly linked to EEN support to SMEs for the right implementation of EU legislation on chemicals



EU-OSHA2018–19 Campaign: Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances

Topics raised by EEN –EU-OSHA EVENTS

- Authorized use of cancerogenic and mutagenic substances: safety and health impact on workers and environment
- Exposure to chemical agents in work environments and protection measures
- Use of chemical dangerous substances – Questions from companies
- Risk prevention in confined spaces
- New formaldehyde and fluoro-free textile finishes - Improved safety at work and environmental sustainability
- Cosmetics, pigments and new solutions for the beauty service sector. Measures, toxicity and correct use for the safeguard of workers and clients
- The chemical risk: prevention procedures for workers and environment safeguard



EU-OSHA 2018–19 Campaign: Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances

The results

- Increased number of events
- Larger outreach
- Different topics
- Improved awareness
- Companies involved in OSHA best practices
- Enhanced visibility for EEN and EU-OSHA
- National coverage



- The Italian EEN participated also at events organized by the National Focal Point ensuring the promotion and awareness about occupational safety and health issues at national level

Multiplying the impact of EU-OSHA/EEN partnership

The successful result was reported in a best practice awarded on the occasion of the **EEN Annual Conference in Helsinki** and at the National Closing ceremony of the OSHA Campaign in Matera



Multiplying the impact of EU-OSHA/EEN partnership

A collective award!



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The collaboration between the EEN and the MISE



The Italian Ministry of Economic Development (MISE)

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

is the authority in charge of the management of **national REACH Helpdesk**

provides advisory support to SMEs about EU Legislation such as REACH Regulation

Cooperation agreement

“Local information desks –
SIT REACH”



The 7 EEN Local information desk on REACH Regulation



Innovazione e ricerca



- When companies come up with questions on how to comply with REACH, the members of the Network signpost each other to draw on the best available expertise and direct collaborate with the **national helpdesks**.

Services

- ✓ General information and local events on REACH
- ✓ Specific answers to questions on REACH Regulation made by companies, consultancies, users and importers
- ✓ Information and guidance about how to find the relevant information on REACH (ECHA website, national Helpdesk, competent authorities website...)
- ✓ Easy access to submit enquires to national Helpdesk



Main topics

The great part of enquiries managed by the EEN Local information desks and MISE national Helpdesk is about:

Registration

Substance in
articles

SDS and
exposure
scenarios

Inspection on
REACH
compliance

Autorization
and
Restrictions

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