## EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK

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# 1. EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK (EU-OSHA)





#### **EU-OSHA** – key facts



- EU information agency dedicated to promoting safer, healthier and more productive workplaces
- Set up in 1996 in Bilbao, Spain
- 65 staff
- Tripartite and Network based



#### **EU-OSHA** – vision and mission

#### Our mission

 The European Union organisation responsible for the collection, analysis and dissemination of relevant information that can serve the needs of people involved in safety and health at work.

#### Our vision

 The European centre of excellence for occupational safety and health information, promoting a preventive culture to support the goal of making Europe's current and future workplaces safe, healthy and productive.





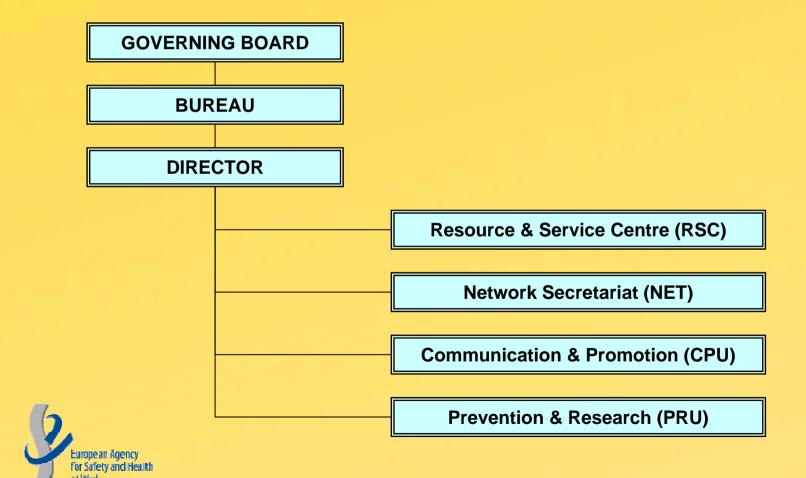
#### **EU-OSHA: A network Agency**

- EU-OSHA is a network organisation
- It links national, European, and international activities
- By doing so it:
  - Maximises the OSH message
  - Reduces duplication of effort





### **European Agency for Safety and Health at Work**





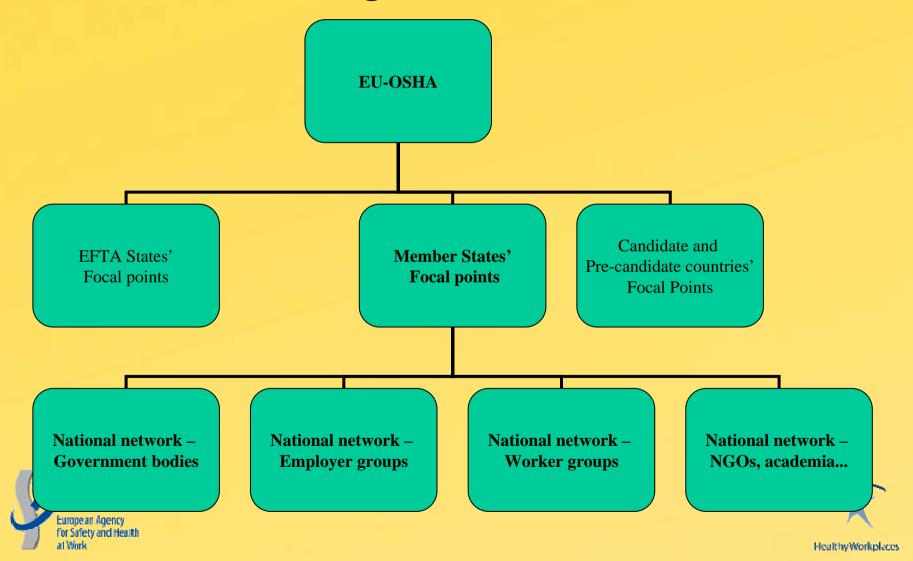
#### **The Focal Points**

- EU-OSHA's founding regulations establish the focal points
- Focal points are the competent national authority
- Focal point task is the coordination of information transmission between Member State and Agency
  - Providing national data for EU-OSHA products
  - Disseminating EU-OSHA information to national stakeholder
  - Campaigning activities
  - Translation checking
  - Giving advice and input to EU-OSHA





#### **Focal Point networking structure**



#### Network of Focal Points to support EU-OSHA's activities

- Every Member State has a focal point
- Every focal point has a tripartite national network
- Extent of activity depends upon national structures
  - EU
  - Candidate and potential candidate countries
  - EFTA/EEA





#### **EU-OSHA – Global Network of the Agency**



- Partner International Organisations
- Partner countriesUnder discussion