



Prevention of harm to cleaning workers

European Agency for Safety and
Health at Work

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The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

- Located in Bilbao, Spain
- Role is to develop, collect, analyse and disseminate information that improves the state of occupational safety and health in Europe.
- Tripartite organisation

Who are our audiences?

- **End-users** – people in the workplace
- **Information providers** – media, information networks, etc.
- **OSH professional community** - experts and researchers
- **OSH policy ‘shapers’** – e.g policy makers and social partners

European Week

- A decentralised information campaign in Member States to address an OSH issue
- Agency coordinates campaign activities, provides information in 20 languages and via the website, provides funding subsidy to stimulate activities, organises Good Practice Awards and the Closing Event
- Focal Points promote, stimulate and organise activities at national level
- Objectives:
 - Increase awareness of risks
 - Promote good practice solutions



So far...

- **2000: 'TURN YOUR BACK ON MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS'**
- **2001: 'SUCCESS IS NO ACCIDENT'**
- **2002: 'WORKING ON STRESS'**
- **2003: 'DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES - HANDLE WITH CARE'**
- **2004: 'BUILDING IN SAFETY'**
- **2005: 'STOP THAT NOISE!'**



.... and now - European Week 2006



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SAFE START!

SAFE START CAMPAIGN
EUROPEAN WEEK FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK
<http://osha.eu.int/ew2006/>

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What is the message?

The right education about risk awareness

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the right training, information and
protection from the first day at work

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safe and healthy European workers of
tomorrow

Why is there a problem?

Young workers:

- Lack of experience, awareness and training
- Physically and mentally less mature
- Over-enthusiasm; want to appear keen
- Lack confidence to complain, or say 'no'

Young workers need:

- preparation in schools and colleges
- risk assessments before work starts, restrictions on work of under 18s
- suitable training, supervision and mentoring


Campaign structure

In the workplace:

- Young workers - promote risk awareness
- Employers - provide safe and suitable work, training & supervision

• In the education & youth community:

- Promote risk awareness education and OSH in schools, colleges and vocational training centres
- Involve schools and colleges



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Online "RISQ" magazine

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About the campaign

This year's European Week for Safety and Health at Work is dedicated to young people to ensure a safe and healthy start to their working lives.

The **Safe Start** campaign is backed by all Member States, candidate and EFTA countries, the Austria and Finland EU Presidencies, the European Parliament and the European Commission, and by the European Social Partners.

European Week campaigns normally focus on promoting improved prevention at the workplace level by involving all the relevant stakeholders. In 2006, the campaign will also promote activities in schools, colleges and the wider education community, and promote the issue among the relevant policy makers in the education field. The Agency has already carried out several projects on the **'mainstreaming of OSH into education'** and the campaign will draw on these resources.

The Safe Start campaign therefore has two distinct elements:

In the workplace:

- Young workers - promoting risk awareness, and raising awareness of OSH risks and what to do when starting work
- Employers - providing safe and suitable work, training and supervision, and being aware of what to do when a young person starts work

In the education community:

- Schools and colleges - promoting risk awareness and OSH as an integral part of education - preparing young people for their first day at work, and for their OSH responsibilities in their future careers
- Youth organisations - promoting risk awareness and risk prevention as an integral part of their activities - preparing young people for the wider world of work
- Vocational training centres - promoting risk awareness and OSH as an integral part of training - preparing young people for the world of work

Get involved

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European closing event - 22 March 2007

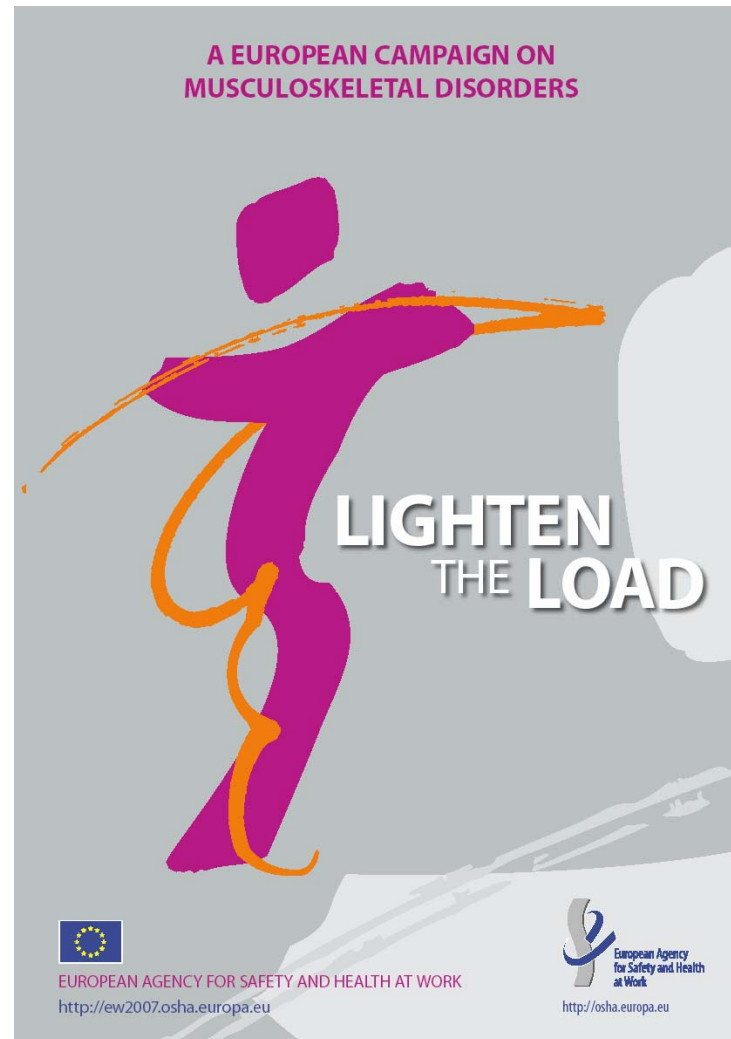
Conference with expert workshops, policy colloquium

Good Practice Awards - Recognition of outstanding contributions to risk prevention at the workplace

Safe Start video competition - Capture on film the workplace, people at work and some of the potential dangers, risks and hazards at work

.... then – Lighten the load

A European campaign on musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs)



Objectives

- To *encourage stakeholders* to participate
- To *raise awareness* of the risks from MSDs
- To *improve prevention* at workplace level
- To *promote an integrated approach* to tackle MSDs embracing prevention, retention, rehabilitation and reintegration
- To *support the objectives* of the Lisbon Strategy

What is the message?

The European campaign on MSDs aims to promote an integrated management approach to tackle MSDs embracing prevention of MSDs, and the retention, rehabilitation and reintegration of workers who already suffer from MSDs

Why focus on MSDs?

Strategic context

The **Lisbon** objectives include:

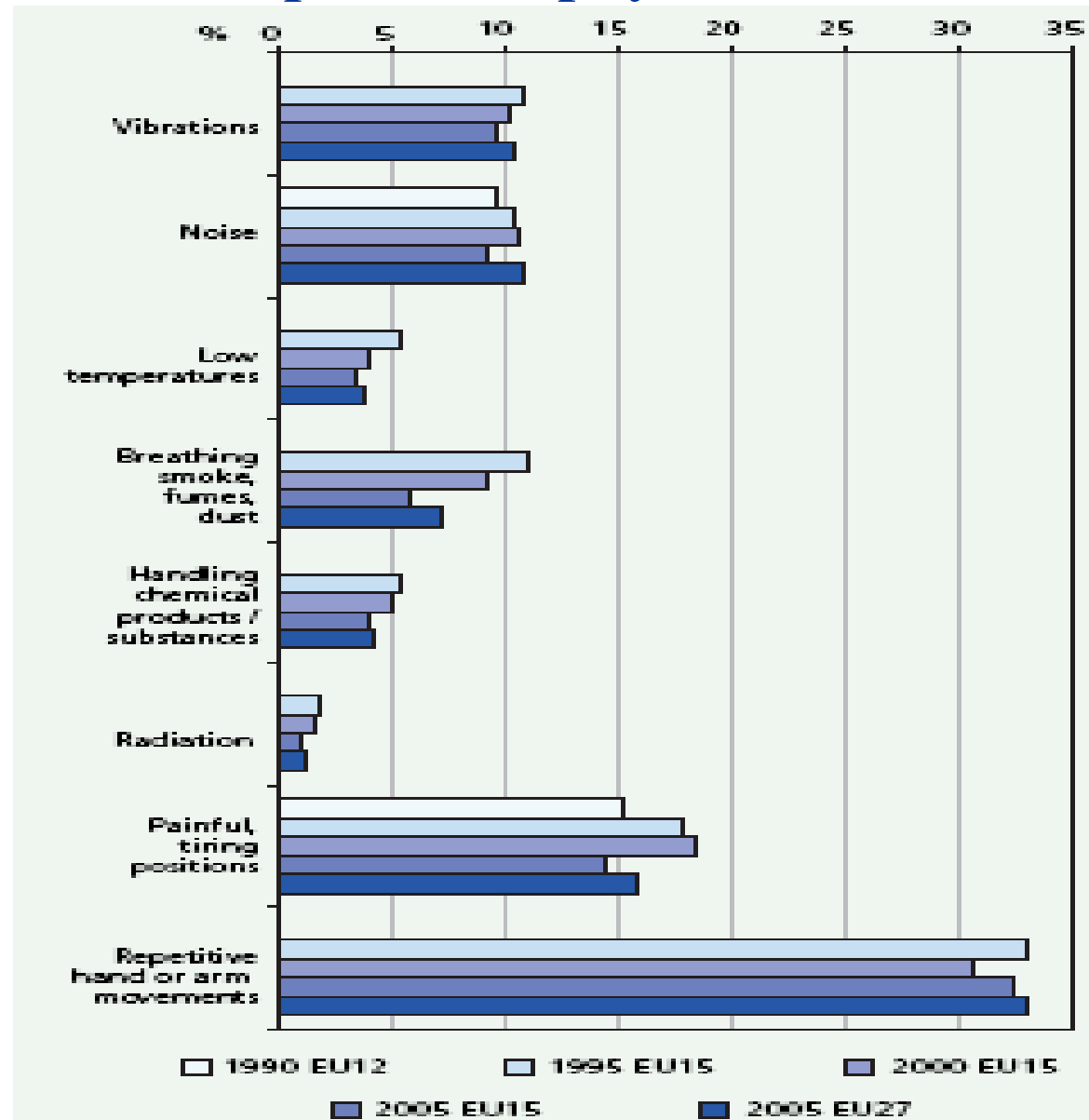
- ✓ employment participation rate 70% by 2010
- ✓ not only create jobs, but good quality jobs

Target audiences

- Core target audiences:
 - Employers, workers, safety representatives and OSH professionals
 - Industry sectors including construction, services and retail, education, healthcare, hotels & catering, and agriculture
- Intermediaries:
 - Policy makers and Social partners
 - European institutions and their networks, NGOs



Exposure to physical risks



Source: 4th EWCS, 2005

Who can take part?

- ‘Umbrella bodies’ at local, national and European level
- Safety and health institutions
- OSH professionals
- Public and private sector bodies at the workplace level, including SMEs
- Trade unions and Safety representatives
- Managers, supervisors and workers
- The education community

Campaign materials

LIGHTEN THE LOAD

Good practice awards

The 'Lighten the load' campaign includes the annual good practice awards to recognise companies and organisations that have made outstanding and innovative contributions to promote an integrated management approach to tackle MSDs, embracing prevention of MSDs, and the retention, rehabilitation and reintegration of workers who already suffer from MSDs.

How can you get involved?

- Download our campaign support materials from the website.
- Use these materials to develop a strategy to raise awareness of the problem of MSDs and the solutions to eliminate or reduce them. The website contains examples of tried and tested good practice, as well as forums for sharing ideas and finding out what others are doing.
- Get in touch with your national focal point for further information and support.

To find out more about the campaign, visit our 'Lighten the load' campaign website at <http://ew2007.osha.europa.eu>

The site includes:

- multilingual information packs, factsheets and information sheets with handy tips to help you organise and manage activities, and other useful resources;
- ideas for activities and actions during the week;
- good practice case studies;
- links to related sites, plus much more.

National contact points for your region

For more information and to receive a campaign pack, contact the Agency's focal point in your country.

The contact details are on the Agency website at:
<http://ew2007.osha.europa.eu/nationalcontacts>

About the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work acts as a catalyst for developing and disseminating information to improve Europe's occupational safety and health (OSH). By bringing together representatives from governments, employers' and workers' organisations, as well as leading OSH experts in each of the EU-27 Member States and beyond, the Agency provides a reliable, balanced and impartial source of OSH information.

The European campaign is backed by the EU Presidencies of Germany and Portugal in 2007, by the European Parliament and the European Commission, and by the European social partners.

More information about the European Agency and the European Week can be found at <http://ew2007.osha.europa.eu>

LIGHTEN THE LOAD



A European campaign
on musculoskeletal disorders

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EW2007 – Good practice awards competition

- Recognition of outstanding contributions to risk prevention at the workplace
- Publicity and information on the website
- Tripartite selection process
- Submission of two ranked examples by Focal Points in September 2007
- Awards presented at Closing Event
- Good practice examples published on Agency and national websites

EW2007 - key dates

- June 2007 - Official Launch in Brussels
 - Press conference in the Commission
 - Employment exhibition in Brussels
- October 2007 – exhibition in the European Parliament
- 22-26 October 2007 - European Week of Safety and Health at Work
- March 2008 - Closing Event

Cleaning Workers

- Cleaning workers identified as “risk group” by Agency’ board
- Project started Jan. 2007
- Publications/publicity end 2008

What are we looking at?

- Tasks are common, workplace varies, so better to define by task
- Surface cleaning (mopping, dusting, vacuuming, polishing of floors and work surfaces)
- Routine housekeeping

Key issues to be covered

- Procurement of cleaning services
- Working in others' workplaces (subcontracting)
- Exposure to risks from public (e.g. sharps)
- Marginal workforce (e.g. part-time, migrant, female dominated, shift work)?
- Lack of training
- Prevention by design

Hazards to be covered

- Slips trips, falls
- MSDs
- Working patterns
- Biological hazards
- Psychosocial issues (violence, harassment)
- Work equipment
- Dangerous substances

Products

- Prevention report
- Literature review (statistics)
- Website covering information on hazards and risks
- Training tool (PowerPoint) – on procurement

Target audience

- Reports aimed at OSH professionals and employers in large enterprises/public bodies.
- Website aimed at all users, but specific material focused for workers knowledge and for SME managers (good practice)
- Training tool for intermediaries



Interaction between SDC and Agency

What can the Agency offer?

- A medium of communication for information via our website
- Networking opportunities
- Relevant products

The Agency needs:

- Help in promotion and dissemination
- To hear of activities in the field

Thank you

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