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CONFERENCES

25 May 2011

Health, Well-being and Safety in the Workplace: Raising the Bar Across Europe
Silken Hotel, Brussels,

<http://publicpolicyexchange.co.uk/events/BE25-PPE2.php>

25-27 May 2011

International Transport for society, International Transport
Leipzig, Germany

<http://www.itf-leipzig.org/>

25-28 May, 2011

15th Conference of the European Association of Work and Organizational Psychology
Maastricht, The Netherlands

<http://www.eawop2011.org/welcome.htm>

July 4-8, 2011

European Congress of Psychology
'Understanding and Embracing Diversity'
Under the auspices of EFPA
Istanbul, Turkey

www.ecp2011.org

Congress program now available on:

<http://www.ecp2011.org/scientific-programme-2/>

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PUBLICATIONS

Eurostat published Health Statistics 2011

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-30-10-690/EN/KS-30-10-690-EN.PDF

New OSHA publication: *Occupational safety and health in the transport sector — an overview.*



The transport sector is one of the growing sectors in the European economy and highly affected by change: a growing proportion of women, migrant and part-time workers, rapid ageing of the workforce and many technological innovations.

Transport workers are exposed to multiple physical risks, suffer violence, and many have unusual working times and repetitive and monotonous work. The consequences are high accident rates, musculoskeletal disorders, stress and fatigue.

This report reviews the OSH risks of a wide variety of transport occupations, by analysing statistics and studies, and through selected case examples of prevention.

The report has a broad scope: it covers all transport subsectors (rail, water, air and road) and is intended for both those working in the sector and policymakers.

http://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/reports/transport-sector_TERO10001ENC

White Paper- Roadmap to a Single European Transport Area - Towards a competitive and resource efficient transport system

The European Commission adopted a roadmap of 40 concrete initiatives for the next decade to build a competitive transport system that will increase mobility, remove major barriers in key areas and fuel growth and employment.

At the same time, the proposal is expected to reduce Europe's dependence on imported oil and cut carbon emissions in transport by 60% by 2050.

[http://ec.europa.eu/transport/strategies/doc/2011_white_paper/white_paper_com\(2011\)_144_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/transport/strategies/doc/2011_white_paper/white_paper_com(2011)_144_en.pdf)

Key report 2011 on progress and performance in education and training in EU countries

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/11/488&format=HTML&aged=0&language=DE&guiLanguage=en>

EU funded project on Mental Health Promotion Handbooks (MHPHands)

The general objective of this project is to equip staff in various settings (schools, workplaces, older peoples' living environment) with the resources required to enhance the mental wellbeing of young people, the labour force and older people.



This project will enable professionals working in these areas to acquire the appropriate skills and knowledge to address these issues through effective mental health promotion.

<http://www.mentalhealthpromotion.net/?i=handbook.en>

CALLS

Health: Call for expressions of interest for experts

<http://ted.europa.eu/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:104653-2011:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0>

The new 2011 Call for expressions of interest for experts is now published. This Call for Expressions of Interest was launched on 01/04/2011 to establish a list of experts to support activities in connection with the EU Health Programme (2008-2013).

These activities consist in particular of evaluating proposals submitted under annual calls for proposals, monitoring or evaluating funded projects and other tasks related to the implementation of the Programme.

The call remains open maximum for the duration of the EU Health Programme (until the end of 2013). Any person interested may submit an application during this period, with the exception of the last 3 months. The Executive Agency for Health and Consumers will draw up a list of applicants who meet the eligibility, exclusion and selection criteria set out in the Call.

The experts on the list may be offered a contract to support activities, as described in the Call, in connection with the EU Health Programme.

If you wish to apply, please click : http://ec.europa.eu/eahc/phea_ami/

OPEN CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

EAC/19/2011 - Pilot project for the development of knowledge partnerships

Deadline: 30 June 2011



http://ec.europa.eu/education/calls/doc2905_en.htm

The EU has devoted many efforts to strengthening the relations between research and innovation and between research and education. The EU has also showed political determination to enhance relations between business and academia, e.g. as one of the core elements of the modernization agenda for universities and in the context of the European Higher Education Area.

But the concrete implementation so far has been less structured and systematic leaving the relation between education and innovation somehow as the neglected link of the knowledge triangle. The University-Business Forum has opened a dialogue between the two worlds about how they can work more closely together.

It has demonstrated that there is an appetite on both sides for working in partnership focused on education, with the common goal to ensuring that education delivers high-level and highly

valued skills, underpinned at all times by high levels of adaptability, entrepreneurship and creative and innovative capacities. This call for proposals allows to explore some concrete ways of working in partnership.

Lifelong Learning Programme

Second deadline: 14. October 2011

http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news2628_en.htm

POLICY CO-OPERATION AND INNOVATION IN LIFELONG LEARNING (KEY ACTIVITY 1) - Study Visits for Education and Vocational Training Specialists and Decision Makers



http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call11/part2_en.pdf

Comenius, Grundtvig, education and training of adults, Deadline 16. September 2011

http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc848_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call11/part2_en.pdf

The Youth in Action Program

Offers throughout the year possibilities for project proposals and partnerships

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc443_en.htm

Detailed information is available at

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth-in-action-programme/doc/how_to_participate/programme_guide_11/programme_guide_en.pdf

In the framework of the Progress Program a call is published in the area of Restructuring, well-being at work and financial participation

Deadlines are:

14 June 2011 for activities commencing no earlier than 26 September 2011

6 September 2011 for activities commencing no earlier than 12 December 2011

and no later than 31 December 2011.

The call includes three subprograms:

- Improvement of expertise in restructuring
- Better understanding of health and well-being at work during change
- Promoting the financial participation of workers.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=305&furtherCalls=yes>

There are still open calls in the health programs for conference, project and operating grants
Deadline: 27 May 2011

http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/funding_schemes/index_en.htm



The sector information and society published the 4th call for proposals of the AAL Joint Programme: "ICT based solutions for Advancement of Older Persons' Mobility"
Deadline: 30 June 2011

The call aims at ICT based solutions which help older persons to sustain their optimal level of mobility for as long as possible, enhancing their individual sense of confidence, autonomy, competence, security and safety. The call addresses issues that inherently enable older persons' mobility in the sense of moving in the home and/or outside the home.

<http://www.aal-europe.eu/calls/call-4-2011>

MISCELLANEOUS

Information on the EU thematic conference
Promoting Mental Health and Well-being at Workplaces, 3./4. March 2011, Berlin

Available at:

http://ec.europa.eu/health/mental_health/events/ev_20110303_en.htm#fragment1

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) has launched its second photo competition to raise awareness of safety and health at work.

The competition calls for entries on the theme of 'safety and health in the workplace', with a special focus on risk prevention, to show how employers and employees can work together to prevent occupational accidents and illnesses.

http://osha.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/focus-on-risk-prevention-eu-osha-launches-second-pan-european-photo-competition-on-safe-and-healthy-workplaces?utm_source=oshmail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=oshmail-107

Polish Presidency of the EU Council

On July 1st 2011, Poland will take over a six-month Presidency of the EU Council. The Presidency is held periodically by each member of the European Union.

It is a time of hard work and extraordinary responsibility for the direction, style and intensity in which things are moving forward in the EU. It is also a matter of enormous prestige and a big chance of multidimensional promotion for Poland in a cultural, economic as well as a political sense.

In practice it means that Poland will be hosting or chairing most of European events that are envisaged to be organised in the second half of 2011, including meetings of the EU Council and its subsidiary bodies, ministerial conferences and expert meetings. It will be a real test of efficiency and effectiveness for the Polish public administration.

To pass the test, appropriate preparations have begun as early as 2008 when the office of the Government Plenipotentiary for the Preparation of the Government Administration Bodies and Performing by Poland the Presidency of the EU Council was formed.

The Department of Coordination of Poland's Presidency of EU Council in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) was entrusted with the coordination of activities regarding running the Presidency at national level. However, an essential key to success lies in the full commitment and close cooperation between central administration offices and the MFA.

The Ministry of Science and Higher Education has already undertaken a number of activities aimed at adequate preparing for the Presidency, e.g., establishing interdepartmental Presidency team.

The most important areas in which the Ministry carries out its preparations are the following:

- programming the Presidency,
- budget,
- organisation and logistics,
- human resources,
- information and promotion.

The Ministry's activities, within the scope of science and higher education, will be focused on a few key issues such as the implementation of the European Research Area, next Framework Programme in the field of research and technological development, Framework Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community – EURATOM, universities modernisation and mobility of researchers and students.

During the Polish chairmanship of the EU Council, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education will be the host of a number of important events, among others, an informal meeting of the Competitiveness Council, a meeting of the Research Working Group, the European Research Area Committee (ERAC) and Education Committee as well as a meeting of Directors-General for Higher Education and the Bologna Follow-up Group.

Within the Ministry there are the following Units responsible for carrying out tasks related to the Presidency – the Department of Strategy and the Bureau of the Minister.

You can read more about the status of preparations for the Polish Presidency of the EU Council on the following website: www.prezydencjaue.gov.pl/en/

New expert network supports Commission on social aspects of education and training

<http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/doc/neset.pdf>

A new independent network of experts has been created to advise the European Commission on social aspects of Education and Training. NESET will support the Commission in analysing education policies and reforms.

Besides scientific co-ordinator Professor Sally Power from Cardiff University (UK), eleven scholars and researchers from eight European countries will make up the core group of NESET, which will be supported by a wider group of affiliated experts from across the world. Equality and inclusion in and through education and training will be a central concern in all of the network's activities.

NESET will provide knowledge and evidence that can support a broad range of policy development activities such as, for example, the preparation of the Commission's 2012 Communication "Equity in Education and Training to support European Inclusive Growth". NESET succeeds the NESSE network of experts which concluded its work in February.

European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT <http://eit.europa.eu/>): Commission consults on future strategy

The EIT is an autonomous EU body stimulating world-leading innovation, through the pioneering concept of knowledge and innovation communities. The European Commission launched a public consultation on the future strategy of EIT following the success of its initial phase.

The consultation will feed into a 'strategic innovation agenda' for the EIT which the Commission is due to propose by the end of this year. The agenda will outline the Institute's main priorities until 2020, focusing on the Institute's mission and objectives, funding and future themes.

"With the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, we are pioneering a new collaboration between higher education, research and business. The Commission is keen to listen to the views of our partners before finalising our proposal on the future strategy. The idea of it is to build on the lessons learned from the Institute's first phase and to prepare the way for expanding the EIT. The Institute has the potential to become a powerful motor of innovation and entrepreneurship in Europe," declared Commissioner Vassiliou.

The EIT has administrative headquarters in Budapest, but operates from 16 sites throughout Europe, through cross-border public-private partnerships known as 'knowledge and innovation communities', or KICs for short. The KICs bring together excellent higher education institutions, research centres and businesses. To date, three KICs have been created, focusing on sustainable energy (InnoEnergy KIC), climate change (Climate KIC) and information and communication society (EIT ICTLabs).

The consultation complements a broad debate on the future of EU research and innovation funding (see Commission Green Paper " From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation funding"

http://ec.europa.eu/research/csfr/pdf/com_2011_0048_csf_green_paper_en.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none)

The deadline for feedback from interested parties is 30 June 2011.