

# Focus on BGIA's work

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## European network of experts for practical solutions in occupational safety & health (TCWE)

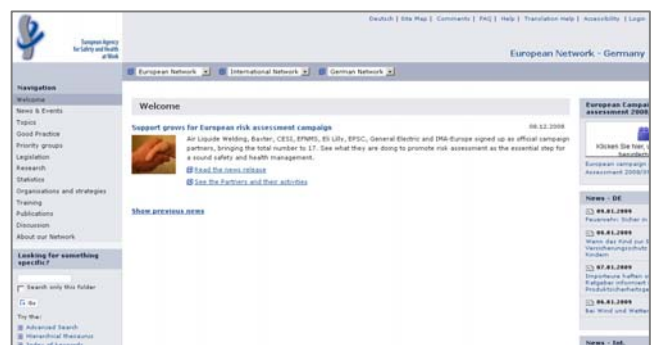
### Problem

In the member states of the European Union, numerous institutions publish advice for firms with the aim of preventing industrial accidents, occupational diseases and work-related health hazards. A large part of this work is also available on the Internet. Since its founding in 1996, the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work has created to this end an interdisciplinary network on the Internet. This is where information from the member states is continuously pooled and bundled. Owing to the ongoing rapid growth in information available on the Internet, the content has to be regularly checked for topicality, accuracy and completeness and adapted accordingly.

### Activities

To ensure that virtually all the official languages of the EU are covered in this network, the EU agency has formed an expert consortium from 17 notable occupational safety and health institutions from twelve member states. The Finnish Institute of Occupational Health (FIOH) is coordinating the activities of this work group "Topic Centre Working Environment". From Germany, not only are the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the Hamburg Cooperation Office involved, but also the BGIA, in some cases in technical cooperation with experts from the statutory accident insurance institutions.

The Topic Centre brings together findings on current issues. From 2005 to the present day, these have been multi-industry topics such as noise, old and young employees, and the integration of occupational safety and health in the education sector.



Internet resource of the EU Agency for Safety and Health Protection at the Workplace on practical solutions

At the same time, sector-specific subjects such as safety and health for employees in the hotel, restaurant and catering trade, in cleaning work, and safety in road transport have also been focused on.

Detailed reports have been published on many of these subjects by collecting and evaluating material on the European and international level. These reports are composed of literature evaluations, exemplary case studies and an overview of prevention strategies – for as many member states as possible.

Other less complex issues are presented in Internet articles.

At the same time, the information available on the Internet is supplemented with new and updated links to important reports from the member states. Finally, a number of the activities of the TCWE aim to improve further the user-friendliness of Internet resources, e.g. by optimizing the search options and keywording the available content.

## Results and Application

All the findings are published by the agency on the Internet, and some of them also appear in print.

## Area of Application

All sectors of industry and research institutions

## Additional Information

- [osha.europa.eu](http://osha.europa.eu)

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