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How to help construction SMEs comply with Occupation Health & Safety legislation?

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In early January 2017, the European Commission announced a new initiative to promote Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) in the EU, especially to better protect workers against work-related cancer; to help businesses, in particular SMEs, in their efforts to comply with the existing legislative framework; and to put a bigger focus on results and less on paperwork. In addition to set exposure limits or other measures for cancer-causing chemicals, **the EC will undertake targeted actions (a guidance paper, free online tools, revised outdated rules) to help small and micro enterprises in their efforts to comply with health and safety rules** as a third of microenterprises do not assess workplace risks.

Besides, the “Protection of workers from the risks related to exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work: limit values and skin notations” 2017/0004(COD) was at the heart of trilogue negotiations between the EU institutions along 2017; the main interest for construction SMEs is the **occupational exposure limits (OELV) for wood and silica dusts**, which will be compulsory through the future European directive and thus will require from construction SMEs to adapt. The OELVs of several products are expected to be revised in the coming years, which require a close monitoring by the construction industry. In this framework, to raise awareness on these issues among the construction industry is of utmost importance, especially among its overwhelming majority of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.

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Moderator: Eugenio QUINTIERI – Secretary General, EBC

09.00 **Registration**

09.10 **Welcome message**

Patrick LIÉBUS – President, European Builders Confederation

Dragutin RANOGAJEC – President, Croatian Chamber of Trades & Crafts HOK

09.20 **Keynote speeches**

Dunja MAGAŠ – State Secretary, Ministry of Construction & Physical Planning

Mario ANTONIĆ – State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship & Crafts

Marko PAVIC – Minister for Labour & Pension system

09.40 ***Introductory words on Croatian experience with the OSH trends***

Marijana Petir – MEP (EPP/ Croatia), European Parliament

09.50 ***Better implementation of OSH legislation by SMEs: EU policy and perspectives***

Jesús ALVAREZ HIDALGO - Unit Health & Safety at Work, DG EMPL, European Commission

10.10 ***Improving OSH in micro & small enterprises - trends in the EU construction sector***

Malgorzata MILCZAREK – European Agency for Safety & Health at Work (EU-OSHA)

10.30 ***A focus on silica dust in the construction sector***

Nathan KUPER - Senior Specialist, Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee SLIC

10.50 ***State of play and best OSH practices in the Croatian construction sector***

Elvira DERIŠ – Institute for the Health & Safety Improvement

Miro CARZAVEC – Entrepreneur, HOK Construction Guild

11.10 ***The French IRIS-ST initiative to raise OSH awareness among construction SMEs***

Mélanie BAUMEA – Technical Director, IRIS-ST

11.30 ***Panel discussion: How to help SMEs implement European OSH legislation?***

Moderator: Matija DUIC – Policy Officer, Croatian Chamber of Trades & Crafts HOK

Malgorzata MILCZAREK - European Agency for Health & Safety at Work EU-OSHA

F. Jesús ALVAREZ HIDALGO – DG EMPL, European Commission

Nenad PULJIĆ – Croatian Labour Inspectorate

Nathan KUPER - Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee SLIC

Miro CARZAVEC – Entrepreneur, HOK Construction Guild

Patrick LIÉBUS – President, European Builders Confederation EBC

Questions & Answers

12.50 ***Conclusions by***

Patrick LIÉBUS - President of the European Builders Confederation

Dragutin RANOGAJEC – President, Croatian Chamber of Trades & Crafts HOK

13.00 ***Networking Lunch***