



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING September 2007

1. Introduction

Representatives from ENSHPO (European Network of Safety and Health Professional Organisations) and ENETOSH (European Network Education and Training in Occupational Safety and Health) met at the closing event in Bilbao on the 22nd March 2007. Lidmila Kleinova, Treasurer of ENSHPO is also member of ENETOSH. Mr Giancarlo Bianchi, ENSHPO Chair met with Ulrike Bollmann and members of the ENETOSH Advisory Board at a meeting on 30th April 2007 in Dresden. Further to these meetings, both organisations agreed to work together and help nurture a mutually supportive relationship.

Both organisations would like to exchange ideas and viewpoints on a range of subjects, including potential areas for future bilateral co-operation. Both organisations hope this relationship will have an important and positive influence on developing a preventive culture in Europe.

2. Main aims and objectives

2.1 Aims of ENETOSH

ENETOSH, established in 2005, brings together OSH experts and education experts in Europe and aims to:

- exchange knowledge, experience and good practice in education and training of safety and health
- create a communication platform for OSH and education experts and provide possibilities for them to meet together
- foster the process of integrating safety and health into education and training at all levels of education, including vocational training and university education
- support the development and implementation of competence standards for teachers and trainers in safety and health
- ensure participation from as many professional OSH institutions and educational establishments across the whole of Europe and involve them in the network's activities
- co-operate with relevant European and international organisations and associations, including the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work and the International Social Security Association

2.2 Aims of ENSHPO

ENSHPO, established in 2001, brings together OSH professional organisations from European countries and aims to:

- ensure participation from all OSH professional organisations across the whole of Europe and involve them in the Network's activities
- create an informal/formal platform for OSH professional organisations and provide a supportive environment for them
- create and nurture discussions and co-operation with relevant European and international organisations and associations, including the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work.
- provide a forum that facilitates the exchange of information, experience and good practice on a wide variety of topics, including:

- the role of the OSH professional in each country
 - identifying common objectives
 - identifying the needs of OSH professionals
 - addressing issues affecting global OSH professionals
 - training and competence issues.
- advocate health and safety in the work environment.
- 3. Scope for cooperation between the 2 organisations**

3.1 Encourage, whenever possible, collaboration at European level in the field of OSH education and training

- Share information and research findings on the principles, policy and practice of OSH training
- Promote and facilitate the integration of high standards of competencies in OSH professional training
- Support the use of effective tools to improve OSH training for entrepreneurs and for workers in small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)
- Cooperate in developing OSH proposals / strategies at both political and scientific levels, where this meets the objectives of both parties
- Consult each other over relevant issues of interest, with a view to maintaining OSH professional standards and avoiding duplication of effort

3.2 Communication between ENSHPO and ENETOSH

- Each party to make available to the other their respective journals, magazines and other publications free of charge, or at preferential rates
- Each party to allow the other to use published material for which they hold copyright without further permission, but with due acknowledgements
- Each party to promote and facilitate the sharing of good practice and tools, in particular for SME's across Europe

3.3 Collaboration in events and meetings

- Keep each other duly informed of relevant meetings, events and activities
- Invite key staff and members to speak or take part in, as appropriate, meetings, events and activities
- Consider joint meetings, events and activities as appropriate

Both organisations will endeavour to cooperate, wherever possible, on any issues relevant to OSH training and education at a European level.

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Ulrike Bollmann
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