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Enterprise Europe Network and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work: a successful collaboration

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## **Enterprise Europe Network**

The world's largest support Network for SMEs with international ambitions.

Bringing together around 600 business support organizations from more than 60 countries, helps small companies seize to take the business opportunities in the EU Single Market.









### **EU - OSHA**

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work is the European Union information agency for occupational safety and health

EU-OSHA raises awareness, disseminates information and carries out research on the importance of worker's health and safety for European social and economic stability and growth.

EU-OSHA has a **national focal point** in each Member State. The FOPs are primary contributors to the implementation of EU-OSHA's work programmes.

https://osha.europa.eu/en









## **EU – OSHA: Communication Partnership Project**

In 2009 a Declaration of Intention for Cooperation between DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) and EU-OSHA opened the doors to a major and strategic partnership with the Enterprise Europe Network.

The Declaration was renewed and reinforced in 2015 for the current programming period (2015-2020) in the framework of this collaboration the development of communication partnerships at national level is vital to improve EU-OSHA's outreach to SMEs and high-risk sectors.

https://osha.europa.eu/en/about-eu-osha/what-we-do/corporate-strategy-and-work-programmes/cooperation-with-other-agencies











## The Enterprise Europe Network role

The Enterprise Europe Network is fundamental to inform the companies of the importance of carrying out risk assessments and of the benefits of an effective OSH policy.

To carry out this task, the Network nominates **EEN OSH ambassadors** at country level. Their role consists in:

- Coordinating they are the link at national level between EU-OSHA,
  FOPs and national Network members and their client SMEs.
- Promoting they relay the information they get from EU-OSHA and FOPs to national Network members and their client SMEs.
- Reporting they report back to EU-OSHA on Enterprise Europe Network activities aimed at raising awareness on OSH.









### **EEN OSH Ambassadors**

The EEN counts **23 OSH Ambassadors** that work in tight collaboration with the National OSHA Focal Points. Thanks to this joint effort more than **11.000 person** were involved in events organized in 2019 on OSH topics

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# **EU-OSHA 2018–19 Campaign: Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances**

The Italian EEN partners in close collaboration with INAIL, the national focal point, actively partecipated at EU-OSHA 2018-2019 Campaign: Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances.

The campaign aimed to raise awareness of the risk posed by dangerous substances in the workplace and to promote the culture of risk prevention.

It was strongly linked to EEN support to SMEs for the right implementation of EU legislation on chemicals











### EU-OSHA2018–19 Campaign: Healthy Workplaces Manage **Dangerous Substances**

### **Topics raised by EEN –EU-OSHA EVENTS**

- Authorized use of cancerogenic and mutagenic substances: safety and health impact on workers and environment
- Exposure to chemical agents in work environments and protection measures
- Use of chemical dangerous substances – Questions from companies

- Risk prevention in confined spaces
- New formaldehyde and fluoro-free textile finishes - Improved safety at work and environmental sustainability
- Cosmetics, pigments and new solutions for the beauty service sector. Measures, toxicity and correct use for the safeguard of workers and clients
- The chemical risk: prevention procedures for workers and environment safeguard









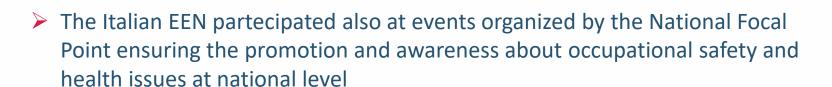
# **EU-OSHA 2018–19 Campaign: Healthy Workplaces Manage Dangerous Substances**

#### The results

- Increased number of events
- Larger outreach
- Different topics



- Improved awereness
- Companies involved in OSHA best practices
- Enhanced visibility for EEN and EU-OSHA
- National coverage













## Multiplying the impact of EU-OSHA/EEN partnership

The successful result was reported in a best practice awarded on the occasion of the **EEN Annual Conference in Helsinki** and at the National Closing ceremony of the OSHA Campaign in Matera















### The collaboration between the EEN and the MISE





The Italian Ministry of Economic Development (MISE)

Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)

is the authority in charge of the management of national REACH Helpdesk

provides advisory support to SMEs about EU Legislation such as REACH Regulation

Cooperation agreement

"Local information desks – SIT REACH"









### The 7 EEN Local information desk on REACH Regulation

















➤ When companies come up with questions on how to comply with REACH, the members of the Network signpost each other to draw on the best available expertise and direct collaborate with the **national helpdesks**.









### **Services**

- ✓ General information and local events on REACH.
- ✓ Specific answers to questions on REACH Regulation made by companies, consultancies, users and importers
- ✓ Information and guidance about how to find the relevant information on REACH ( ECHA website, national Helpdesk, competent authorities website...)
- ✓ Easy access to submit enquires to national Helpdesk









## **Main topics**

The great part of enquiries managed by the EEN Local information desks and MISE national Helpdesk is about:

Registration

Substance in articles

SDS and exposure scenarios

Inspection on REACH compliance

Autorization and Restrictions

Substitution









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