2006 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work OSHA

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PURPOSE: presentation of the final accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health for the financial year 2006.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the 2006 budget, including the revenue and expenditure and the balance sheet for the year concerned.

According to this document, the final budget amounted to **EUR 14.1 million** (compared to EUR 13.7 million in 2005) of which 93.5% stems from a Community subsidy (DG Employment) and 4.5% from DG Enlargement. The remaining 2% emanates from miscellaneous revenue.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency whose head office is based in Bilbao (Spain), set out 40 posts in its establishment plan of which 33 are currently occupied. 26 other posts (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts and local staff) are also occupied totalling 59 posts assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks. 7 posts were vacant. In 2006, staffing expenditure represented EUR 3.831 million.

As regards the Agency's activities in 2006, these covered:

Building the links — Networking:

- Strengthening of tri-partism in the Agency networks;
- Institutional capacity building in Accession and Candidate Countries (Phare programmes).

Communicating Information:

- Safe Start! — European Week 2006 campaign on young workers;
- Healthy Workplace Initiative — SME targeted campaign in EU 10, Romania and Bulgaria;
- Multilingual web-based and printed information services on occupational safety and health;

Developing knowledge:

- Information products for national and European Week campaign 2006 (on Young People) and 2007 (MSDs);
- Information products on Ageing Workers, OSH & Economic Performance, and the HORECA Sector;
- Risk Observatory information products including reports on OSH research priorities, biological agents and ultraviolet radiation; data collection on stress, vibration and skin problems, and on young workers and musculoskeletal disorders for the European Weeks 2006 and 2007, feasibility study for a company survey.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: http://osha.europa.eu/about/finance/2006/2006_annual_accounts.pdf