

2007 discharge: European Agency for Safety and Health at Work EU-OSHA

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PURPOSE: to present the final accounts of the European Agency for Safety and Health for the financial year 2007.

CONTENT: this document sets out a detailed account of the implementation of the Agency's budget for the financial year 2007. It notes that the final budget amounted to EUR 14.9 million (compared to EUR 14.1 million in 2006) of which 93.8% stems from a Community subsidy (DG Employment) and 2.9% from DG Enlargement. The remaining 3.3% emanates from miscellaneous revenue.

As regards the staffing policy, the Agency, whose head office is based in Bilbao (Spain), set out 42 posts in its establishment plan of which 38 are currently occupied. 25 other posts (auxiliary contracts, seconded national experts and local staff) are also occupied totalling 63 posts assigned to operational, administrative and mixed tasks.

In 2007, the Agency's main activities concentrated on the following:

Building the links - Networking:

- Finalization and follow-up on 2nd external evaluation of the Agency's performance;
- Institutional capacity building in Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries (PHARE and CARDS programmes).

Communicating Information:

- European Safe Start! Summit — closing event of the European Week 2006 campaign on young workers;
- Lighten the Load campaign — European campaign on work-related musculoskeletal disorders - EU 27+;
- Healthy Workplace Initiative — SME-targeted campaign in EU 12, Turkey and Croatia (final round);
- Multilingual web-based and printed information services on occupational safety and health;
- Monitoring and evaluation: evaluation report of 2005 Stop that Noise campaign; online survey of website users; website benchmarking exercise.

Developing knowledge:

- Information products for national and European Week campaign 2007 (MSDs) and 2008 (Risk Assessment);
- Information products for projects on OSH & Economic Performance, the HORECA Sector, Mainstreaming OSH into Education, and Cleaning Workers;
- General improvements to the quality and accessibility of Good Practice information on the Agency's website and to the on-line Thesaurus;
- European Risk Observatory: data collection on HORECA, ageing workers and transport. Reports on emerging biological risks, emerging psychosocial risks, and occupational skin exposure and work-

related skin diseases. Literature review on the occupational safety and health of migrant workers.
Launch of Phase I of the European Survey of Enterprises on New and Emerging Risks (ESENER).
Third workshop on 'fostering research co-ordination in the EU'.

The complete version of the final accounts may be found at the following address: <http://osha.europa.eu/en/about/finance/>