

EUROSH*NET Survey 1997

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The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work has agreed to take over the task to update this survey. The updated survey will be published in spring 1999.

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Where the information was available the survey also indicates the scale of the projects in terms of budget. The scale is as follows:

Small scale: Ecu 0 - Ecu 49,999

Medium scale: Ecu 50,000 - Ecu 249,999

Large scale: Ecu 250,000 -

ALBANIA

ON-GOING

ILO

Assistance to the Ministry of Labour, II. Phase. Developing labour administration in general in the Ministry of Labour. Main types of activities are seminars and workshops.

Time schedule: 1996-1998

Budget: Large scale

Donor: Switzerland

COMPLETED

ILO

Black labour and prevention of occupational hazards. Study visit by 7 labour inspectors to the Spanish Labour Inspectorate. Information on the role of inspectors', on control of black labour and general information on prevention of occupational hazards.

Time schedule: July 1997

Donor: ILO and Spain

Assistance to the Ministry of Labour, I. phase. Giving assistance to the Ministry of Labour on developing its organisation, labour laws, and manpower. Main activities include: training; consultation and advice; seminars and workshops; translation; and visit programmes.

Time schedule: 1993-1996

Budget: Large scale

Donor: Switzerland

BELARUS

ON-GOING

GERMANY

Centre for Occupational Safety and Health. The first talks about the realisation of a pilot project setting up such a centre.

Time schedule: 1996 with a continuation in 1997

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

COMPLETED

GERMANY

Training of occupational safety experts. Development of a system for training and further education for Labour Inspectors. Main activities include: training and consultation and advice.

Time schedule: 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Legislation in the field of safety and health. German experts giving advice on Bills of Belarus with the aim to achieve harmonisation with EU Directives.

Time schedule: 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

BULGARIA

ON-GOING

PHARE

Phare Programme on health and safety at work (BG9301/03). Project to integrate health and safety at work which includes the following elements:

evaluation

legislation

training of occupational health and safety experts

local occupational health and safety centres

Participating countries: Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland and the United Kingdom. The beneficiary of this programme is the Bulgarian Ministry of Health.
Time schedule: April 1995 - March 1998
Budget: Large scale
Donor: European Commission, Phare

Phare Programme on Labour Market and Social Policy (BG 9312) with a component on occupational health and safety. The main objectives of this component are to provide assistance on:

strategy;
viewing of OSH legislation and assisting in the preparation for accession to the EU;
applying modern information technology in of the General Labour Inspectorate.

This will be achieved by way of three sub-projects:

Labour Inspection;

Legislation;

Information and Information Technology. The beneficiary of this component is the Bulgarian Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MOLSA), General Labour Inspectorate (GLI).

Time schedule: Feb. 1996 - Feb. 1998

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: The European Commission, Phare

Phare Programme in Labour Market and Social Policy (BG 9312) with a component on Information Technology (IT). The objective of the IT sub-project is to provide assistance in the development of an integrated information system in MOLSA and GLI, and the specification of necessary IT equipment and software to MOLSA and GLI.

Time schedule: Feb. 1996- Feb. 1998

Budget: Large scale

Donor: European Commission, Phare

COMPLETED

BELGIUM

The Belgian Ministry of Labour held a course on training in safety at work.

Time schedule: May - June 1996

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Ministry of Labour, Belgium

FRANCE

Activity dealing with the conditions for transposition of the European directive CEE/89/391.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: GIP International, France

Activity on social dialogue. The European institutional system (institutional framework, Social Europe, and the European framework of trade unions) was

presented and three examples were analysed: Health and safety at work; European Company Committees; and social protection.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: GIP International, France

GERMANY

Training on harmonisation of EU Directives

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996

Donor: German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Bulgaria

Legislation in the field of occupational safety with the aim to achieve step by step harmonisation to European Union legislation. The main activities are seminars/workshops.

Time schedule: 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Centre for training and further education in the field of occupational safety. A pilot project which includes consultation and support for technical equipment.

Time schedule: 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Training of occupational safety experts. Development of training programmes, completion of further education/adapted training for Labour Inspectors and health and safety experts at plant level. This activity includes seminars/workshops.

Time schedule: 1996

Budget: small scale

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Training of safety experts.

Time schedule: July 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: HVBG and GVG

Exchange with the Bulgarian Ministry of Labour and Social Protection on the issue of state labour inspection, presentation of occupational safety measures, determination of the reduction of earning capacity, tasks of accident insurance institutions.

Time schedule: July 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: HVBG and GVG/State Labour Inspectorate Dessau

ILO

ILO mission on labour inspection to the Bulgarian Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, General Labour Inspectorate. The short term mission included: methodological assistance in analysing conformity of present Bulgarian legislation with ILO standards; advice on the development of principles for future labour protection legislation and review of a draft of Occupational Safety and Health Law; training of labour inspectors.

Time schedule: June 1996
Budget: Small scale
Donor: ILO

IRELAND

The Health and Safety Authority was a sub-contractor to the Danish Working Environment Service in a Phare programme providing assistance to for restructuring the system of safety and health in Bulgaria. A new draft Health and Safety at Work Act is currently before Parliament and it is expected that it will be enacted before the end of 1997.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996
Donor: European Commission - Phare

PHARE

Phare Consensus Programme on improving standards for health and safety at work in Bulgaria. The aims of the project are:

analysis and review of the body of legislation dealing with safety and health at work in the light of EU directives and ILO standards;

provision of staff training and information about modern approaches in the field of OSH. The recipient was the Bulgarian Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, General Labour Inspectorate

Main activities included: training; consultation and advice; Seminars/workshops; translation; and a visit programme.

Time schedule: April - October 1997

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: European Commission, Phare

UNITED KINGDOM

The Chief Labour Inspector and Deputy Labour Minister of the Bulgarian Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare visited the HSE as part of a wider Phare project to review health and safety legislation with a view to the ultimate accession of Bulgaria to the EU. Discussions were held with senior policy officials in London and a visit was paid to the North West Regional Office of HSE's Field Operations Division.

Time Schedule: September 1996

Donor: European Commission, Phare

CROATIA

ON-GOING

GERMANY

Important contacts have been set up with the German Hauptverband.

Time schedule: on-going

ILO

More intensive co-operation with the ILO began in 1995.

Time schedule: on-going

CZECH REPUBLIC

ON-GOING

DENMARK

A Danish sector programme for 1995-98 concerning the use of chemicals and pesticides (Czech-Slovak project). Please see number 210. for full details.

GERMANY

Technical assistance and consultancy from the Holz BG (statutory accident insurance for the wood industry) on the development of permanent occupational medical care for employees exposed to wood dust.

Time schedule: 1994 onwards

Budget: Small scale

Donor: Holz BG

PHARE

Phare Consensus Project on system measures directed towards creating a modern Labour Inspection according to directions and recommendations from the EU. Main activities are on European legislation and include education and training of inspectors, translation, visit programmes.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1998

Budget: Small scale

Donor: European Commission, Phare

Improvement of activities in occupational safety. Includes publication of leaflets, translation of annual reports, TV-spots, software and hardware.

Time schedule: 1996-1997

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: European Commission, Phare

Seminars for health and safety promotion at work in the Czech Republic.

Time schedule: 1996-1997

Budget: Large scale

Donor: European Commission

Workshops on implementation of EU Directives into Czech law, involving harmonisation of legislation on occupational health and safety.

Time schedule: 1995-1997

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: European Commission

SWITZERLAND

Major hazards prevention - legislation, safety management and information system

Time schedule: 1995-1997

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Ministries of the Environment, Switzerland and Czech Republic

COMPLETED

DENMARK

Development of an accident register - (Czech-Slovak project). Please see number 219. for details

GERMANY

High level tripartite study tour to Norway for 10 officials.

Time schedule: April 1996

PHARE

In the framework of a Phare Programme, three experts from GIP International participated in a number of workshops in Prague organised in co-operation with the Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs. Advice concerning the content and transposition of EU Directives into national Law, in particular related to heavy loads and safety on building sites.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: European Commission - Phare, France/GIP International

Workshop "EC Directives" in the framework of the Phare Social Security Programme. Advice concerning the content and transposition of EU Directives into national Law

Time schedule: February 1997

Donor: Germany/HVBG, Phare

UNITED KINGDOM

A high-level visit from COSO and the Czech Occupational Safety Institute to HSE as part of an on-going Phare project to provide COSO with major hazards expertise.

During the course of the project a visit was made to HSE's Hazardous Installations Policy Unit and Major Hazards Assessment Unit.

Time schedule: February 1996

Donor: European Commission, Phare

Two members of HSE's International Section visited Prague to discuss with COSO the current position of assistance programmes, and to identify further areas for co-operation.

Time schedule: March 1996

Donor: UK Government Know How Fund

A UK delegation with the Chief Inspector of NSD opened the new Emergency Response Centre in Prague. Technical assistance for construction of the centre was provided by DTI and NSD.

Time schedule: July 1996

ESTONIA

PLANNED

SWEDEN

A training project between the Swedish National Board of Occupational Safety and Health (NBOSH) and the Estonian Labour Inspection: Developing and implementing a system for analysis, planning, reporting, and follow-up of the activities of supervision. The project is made up of five seminars. During the seminars the chief executives are going to work out a common and uniform model to be used within the

organisation for making surveys, setting priorities, making follow-up, and making reports of supervision.

Time schedule: 1998 - 1999

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA)

Training and advice on Information Strategy. The Swedish NBOSH will provide support to the Estonian Labour Inspection to form a strategy for informing the public in working environment matters. Practical support in the realisation of the strategy.

Time schedule: 1998 - 1999

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: SIDA

ON-GOING

DENMARK

Co-operation Programme No. 281 between Denmark and Estonia: Workshop on EU Directives 89/391/EEC and 90/679/EEC and Train-the-Trainers course for safety representatives.

Time schedule: 1994 -1997

Budget: Small scale

Donor: Danish Ministry of Social Affairs, Working Environment Service

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the Danish Working Environment Service agreed a programme of co-operation which began in 1994, involving a Danish sector programme in the Baltic States. Please see number 209. for details.

FINLAND

Finnish-Estonian Collaboration Programme. Continuation of training courses and visits for labour inspectors and labour inspector lawyers. Between 1991-96, 37 people (6 groups) have done a 5 day course on the basics of labour protection/working environment. In addition, consultations and workshops. Practical collaboration between districts in Estonia and Finland.

Time schedule: 1991 - onwards

Budget: Small scale

Donor: Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.

GERMANY

Regular consultation/advice on the German accident insurance system, tasks of the BGs, organisation and administration of accident insurance including target groups, benefits, financing, prevention, rehabilitation, statistics, contribution and their calculation, discussion of the Estonian OSH Bill.

Time schedule: as from 1995 on-going

Donor: Germany/HVBG and GVG/BG der Feinmechanik und Elektrotechnik

ILO

ILO programme for the Baltic States (RER/96/M04/FRA) with participation and funding by France. Strengthening inspection and promotion practices of general conditions of work in the Baltic States. Please see number 211. for further details.

NORDIC COUNCIL

The Nordic Council is providing an advanced training course on "Occupational Exposure Limits - Health Based Values or Administrative Norms ? - 1997" in Sweden.

Time schedule: 1997

Budget: Small scale

Donor: Nordic Institute for Advanced Training (NIVA)

The Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA) have arranged training courses for experts from the Baltic States on occupational health and safety. Please see number 207. for full details.

SWEDEN

Risk assessment course for labour inspectors organised by the Swedish National Board for Occupational Safety and Health (NBOSH). The project is made up of three seminars where different methods of risk assessment will be presented and used during exercises at enterprises specially chosen for that purpose. Between the seminars the inspectors will practice different methods of risk analysis on their own.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1999

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: SIDA

The NBOSH provides training in communication and social skill. This is a continuation of the course for top executives performed during 1995 and aims at training in modern personal communication and skills.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1998

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: SIDA

COMPLETED

DENMARK

The Danish Ministries of Labour and of Social Affairs provided an activity entitled: "Estonia Working Environment Council". This included a seminar in Tallinn "On the Tripartite Principles in the Development of Working Environment" (February 1997) and a seminar in Copenhagen for the members of the Working Environment Council. (May 1997).

Time schedule: 1997

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Danish Ministry of Labour, Danish Ministry of Social Affairs

The Danish Working Environment Service participated in a consortium to take forward an EU Phare Programme on the training of business advisory consultants in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania Please see number 218. for further details

ILO

The ILO carried out a Baltic Labour Inspection project. Please see number 224. for further details

ILO-UNDP programme: Baltic Labour Protection Policies. Please see number 225. for further details

SWEDEN

Support in developing new working methods for lawyers within the Estonian Labour Inspectorate. Includes consultation and seminars/workshops,
Time schedule: September 1996 with completion during 1997
Budget: Small scale
Donor: Swedish National Board of Occupational Safety and Health

Training courses for lawyers (17-19 Sept. 1996), occupational health physicians and managers (continuation).
Time schedule: 1996 onwards
Budget: Small scale
Donor: Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA)

HUNGARY

PLANNED

UNITED KINGDOM

A number of projects in the framework of assistance programmes funded by the Know How Fund are planned: provision of OSH information to employers and the establishment of a public inquiry system similar to that used by HSE.
Time schedule: the co-operation is still pending
Donor: HSE/UK Government Know How Fund

ON-GOING

BELGIUM

Continued co-operation between the Belgian Ministry of Labour and the Hungarian Labour Inspectorate.
Time schedule: June 1993 onwards
Donor: Ministry of Labour, Belgium

GERMANY

Consultation/Advice on the BG system: organisation and tasks, target groups, financing, benefits, prevention, rehabilitation, autonomous administration by the social partners.
Time schedule: Co-operation pending
Donor: Germany/HVBG and GVG
Initiation of an independent accident insurance system. Continuation of the consultation regarding the structure and organisation of an accident insurance fund system. Also seminar/workshop.
Time schedule: Co-operation pending
Budget: Small scale
Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
The German HVBG is responsible for a Phare sub-project (please see no. 62.) on "insurance models" including the establishment of a basis for the development of an economic incentive system with the aim of enhancing the motivation of employers to attach more importance to occupational safety.
Time schedule: Co-operation pending
Donor: European Commission - Phare, HVBG

IRELAND

The HSA is a subcontractor in developing training modules for labour inspection.

Time schedule: July November 1997

Donor: European Commission - Phare

PHARE

EU Phare programme on health and safety at work to integrate health and safety at work which includes the following elements:

regulation and information

insurance model

local pilot project with emphasis on training, preventive actions, campaigns and establishment of institutions.

The programme on support for health system restructuring has a number of sub-projects, one of which is health and safety at work. It is being delivered through study tours, training courses for inspectors, experimental joint inspections, studies concerning the introduction of alternative insurance mechanisms. Participating countries: Denmark, Germany and Portugal.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1997

Budget: Large scale

Donor: European Commission - Phare

COMPLETED

BELGIUM

The Belgian Ministry of Labour provided a training course for Hungarian labour inspectors on the organisation of inspection at Work.

Time schedule: January 1997

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Belgium Ministry of Labour

DENMARK

Development of a modern accident register in accordance with EU legislation, trial operation and evaluation, including software, organisation, education and analysis facilities.

Time schedule: 1994-1996

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Danish Government/WES and OMMF

FRANCE

Advanced seminar and training programme on illegal working and fighting against traffic of workers. Hungary, Poland, and EU Member States. Please see number 223. for further details.

GERMANY

Initiation of an independent accident insurance system. Continuation of the consultation to structure and organisation of an accident insurance fund system. Also seminar/workshop.

Time schedule: 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

ILO

An ILO tripartite labour inspection development project began in February 1995. It included training for labour inspectors and management and study tours for inspectors and the social partners.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996

Budget: Large scale

Donor: The Netherlands

Evaluation of Hungary/Netherlands Tripartite Labour Inspection Development Project, including national/sub-regional high-level tripartite symposia to develop labour inspection policy and management.

Time schedule: May 1996

IRELAND

An Inspector from the HSA took part in a workshop in April 1997 in combining safety and health inspection in a single service.

Time schedule: April 1997

Donor: European Commission - Phare

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Visit to Nitra (Republic of Slovakia) by OMMF to maintain relations and to discuss further possibilities of co-operation.

Time schedule: September 1996

SPAIN

Study visit to Spain by 35 officials of the Hungarian Ministry of Labour to study the Spanish occupational safety and health system. The visit was part of the Hungarian Phare project (please see number 61).

Time schedule: October 1996

Donor: European Commission - Phare, Spanish Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

SWEDEN

Visit to Budapest by officials of the Swedish NBOSH to discuss potential programmes of assistance. The visit was returned by OMMF officials to Sweden. Co-operation possibilities are yet to be elaborated.

Time schedule: August 1996; January 1997

UNITED KINGDOM

Visit to Budapest by HSE officials to discuss potential programmes of assistance.

Return visit by a senior Hungarian official to the UK to continue discussions and for introduction to the work of HSE. The co-operation is pending.

Time schedule: March 1995 - 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: HSE/UK Government Know How Fund

Through the IAEA Senior Regulators' meeting, HSE's nuclear safety experts worked with their Hungarian counterparts to review their implementation of several aspects of the IAEA safety guides. The co-operation is pending.

Donor: IAEA

The Director General of the Hungarian Labour Inspectorate attended the Inspection for Health Conference in London.

Time schedule: November 1996

Donor: UK Government, Know How Fund

KAZAKHSTAN

COMPLETED

FRANCE

An expert of GIP International visited Almaty, Kazakhstan to provide expertise and legislative assistance in the field of occupational safety and health. During the visit the French expert encouraged the setting up of training centres for labour inspectors in the proximity of industrial centres, and if necessary to get support from joint ventures involving French companies.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: GIP International, France

A week long seminar on the presentation of basic safety regulations in the workplace and the prevention of accidents at work. Awareness raising of those in charge of enterprises and of officials from the Ministry of Labour.

Time schedule: January 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

LATVIA

ON-GOING

DENMARK

Development of a modern accident register in accordance with EU legislation, trial operation and evaluation, including software, organisation, education and analysis facilities. The project will include training, consultancy and advice, seminars and workshops, translation, and study visits.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1999

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Danish Government

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the Danish Working Environment Service agreed a programme of co-operation which began in 1994, involving a Danish sector programme in the Baltic States. Please see number 209. for details.

The Danish Working Environment Service participated in a consortium to take forward an EU Phare Programme on the training of business advisory consultants in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Please see number 218. for details.

GERMANY

Information on organisation and financing of accident insurance in Germany, prevention, contribution rates schedule, rehabilitation, insurance regulation; prevention training.

Time schedule: as from 1995 on-going

Donor: Germany/HVVG and GVG/Verwaltungs-BG

ILO

ILO programme for the Baltic States (RER/96/M04/FRA) with participation and funding by France. Strengthening inspection and promotion practices of general conditions of work in the Baltic States. Please number 211. for further details

NORDIC COUNCIL

The Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in occupational health (NIVA) has arranged two training courses in Tallinn for experts from the Baltic States on occupational health and safety. Please see number 207. for further details

SWEDEN

Developing and implementing a system for analysis, planning, reporting and follow-up of the activities of supervision. The project is delivered by the NBOSH and made up of five seminars. During the seminars the chief executives of the State Labour Inspection are going to work out a common and uniform model to be used within the organisation for making surveys, setting priorities, making follow-up, and making reports of supervision.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1998

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA)

COMPLETED

ILO

The ILO carried out a Baltic Labour Inspection project. Please see number 224. for full details.

ILO-UNDP programme: Baltic Labour Protection Policies. Please see number 225. for further details

SWEDEN

Education and training in different methods of risk analysis.

Time schedule: 1997

Donor: NBOSH, Sweden

Development of methods and training of inspectors responsible for the supervision of chemistry plants.

Time schedule: 1997

Donor: NBOSH

A concept for occupational hygiene in Latvia. Following a Latvian analysis there was a seminar to present the Swedish model for occupational hygiene work.

Time schedule: End of 1996

Donor: NBOSH

Bilateral agreement between Sweden and Latvia consisting mainly of transfer of knowledge and experience in different areas of the working environment.

Continuation of training courses for inspectors.

Time schedule: 1995-1996

Donor: NBOSH

Bilateral agreement between Latvia and Sweden: Support in implementing a system for internal control in Latvia.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996

Donor: NBOSH

Bilateral agreement between Latvia and Sweden: Translation into Latvian of the Swedish ordinances, "Internal control" and "Violence and menaces in the working environment".

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996

Donor: NBOSH

Bilateral agreement between Latvia and Sweden: Training of high-level officers within the Latvian State Labour Inspection Service, including leadership development.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996

Donor: NBOSH

LITHUANIA

PLANNED

GERMANY

It is foreseen to sign a record of intention between the Lithuanian Ministry of Social Security and Labour and the Ministry for Women, Labour and Social Affairs, Hesse Germany, on the support for establishment of a Laboratory for Investigation of Working Environment at the Centre for Labour Protection.

Time schedule: November 1997

SWEDEN

The NBOSH will be providing a risk assessment course for labour inspectors of the Lithuanian State Labour Inspection. The project is made up of three seminars where different risk assessment methods will be presented and used during exercises at enterprises specially chosen for that purpose. Between the seminars the inspectors will practice different methods on their own.

Time schedule: 1998 - 1999

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: SIDA

ON-GOING

DENMARK

Development of Technical Inspection. The Danish Government is providing and institution building programme concerning the development of technical inspection. It involves the development of information, technical support, and technical inspections quality manual.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1998

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Danish Government

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The Danish Working Environment Service participated in a consortium to take forward an EU Phare Programme on the training of business advisory consultants in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Please see number 218. for details.

GERMANY

Introduction to the German statutory accident insurance system. Regular information on aspects of accident insurance: autonomous administration, prevention, technical inspection, testing and certification (PPE, machines), QA; rehabilitation, statistics, contribution rates schedule; discussion of the Lithuanian OSH Bill.

Time schedule: 1995 on-going

Donor: Germany/HVBG and GVG/Bau-BG Wuppertal.

Co-operation between the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and the Lithuanian Ministry of Social Security and Labour on problems of social insurance: Seminar on the problems of Labour Insurance against labour accidents and its realisation for the workers of the Fund of State Social Insurance and the workers of the State Labour Inspection. Every year a Record of Intention of Co-operation between the two above mentioned Ministries is signed.

Time schedule: 1994 onwards

Donor: German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Co-operation between the Technical Supervision Service of the Ministry of Social Security and Labour and Berlin-Brandenburg Unification e.V. of Technical Supervision of the German Federal Republic: Exchange of information on the introduction of effective solutions to labour protection; common efforts regarding technologies and techniques without danger, to create and introduce these to industry and business; focus on the principal problem of creating and employing new protective techniques.

Time schedule: started in 1991, still on-going

Budget: Small scale

Donor: Berlin-Brandenburg Unification e.V. of Technical Supervision of the German Federal Republic

ILO

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NORDIC COUNCIL

The Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA) arranges two training courses in Tallinn for experts from the Baltic States on occupational health and safety. Please see number 207. for full details

POLAND

Collaboration between the Lithuanian Centre for Labour Protection at the Ministry of Social Security and Labour and the Polish Central Institute for Labour Protection: consultation on problems of accreditation of laboratories and certification of Personal Protective Equipment.

Time schedule: May 1996 onwards
Budget: Small scale
Donor: Polish Central Institute for Labour Protection

SWEDEN

The NBOSH is providing training and consultancy and advice on information strategy. The projects aims to provide support to form a strategy for informing employers, employees, and the public in working environment matters. Give practical support in the realisation of the strategy.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1998

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: SIDA

Co-operation between the Technical Supervision Service of the Ministry of Social Security and Labour and the SC of Swedish Inspectorate of Enterprises: creation and introduction of new technologies and techniques without danger in the field of technical supervision of potential highly dangerous equipment in industry and business.

Time schedule: 1993 onwards

Budget: Small scale (co-ordinated with the annual work programme)

Donor: the SC of Swedish Inspectorate of Enterprises

COMPLETED

GERMANY

Initiation of an independent accident insurance system, Consultation on the application of the accident insurance Code and on the drafting of new legislation.

Time schedule: 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, and Lithuanian counterparts

ILO

ILO consultancy services (in particular assistance/advice on labour protection/ inspection legislative reform); Labour Code, Labour Inspection Law.

SWEDEN

The National Board of Occupational Safety and Health delivered: training of high level officers within the Lithuanian State Labour Inspection, including leadership development.

Time schedule: April 1996 - August 1997

Donor: NBOSH

The National Board of Occupational Safety and Health delivered: training in occupational hygiene and occupational hygiene measurements.

Time schedule: April 1996

Donor: NBOSH

POLAND

PLANNED

EUROPEAN UNION - SLIC

The Senior Labour Inspectors Committee's (SLIC) IV European Session will deal with safety and health issues in the textile industry. Participating countries are: Denmark, Finland, Portugal, and Poland. Activities will include: consultancy and advice, workshops, translation, and study visits.

Time schedule: 1998

SWEDEN

Safety management in Polish industry. Development of safety management systems in five Polish enterprises, including: methods of risk assessment and internal control of the level of safety and health protection.

Time schedule: 1997 - 2000

Donor: SIDA

UNITED KINGDOM

A number of projects are planned in the framework of an assistance programme funded by the Know How Fund: seminars on risk assessment methodology and media handling and collaboration with the Polish National Labour Inspectorate (NLI).

Time schedule: not determined

Donor: HSE/UK Government Know How Fund

ON-GOING

FRANCE

Visit programme including consultancy and advice on occupational risk assessment and safety management.

Time schedule: 1997

Donor: French Ministry of Labour, Employment and Vocational Training; Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Visit programme and training. The French system of disability assessment.

Time schedule: 1997

Donor: French Ministry of Labour, Employment and Vocational Training; Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Visit programme including consultancy and advice on testing and certification of personal protective equipment.

Time schedule: 1997

Donor: French Ministry of Labour, Employment and Vocational Training; Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Visit programme including consultancy and advice on testing of particularly dangerous machinery.

Time schedule: 1997

Donor: French Ministry of Labour, Employment and Vocational Training and Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Experience sharing between the French INTEFP Institute, Lyon, and NLI's Training Centre Wroclaw. Topics include: train-the-trainers study visits; methodology of occupational risk assessment analysis; and pilot projects, implementation models.
Time schedule: 1996; long term with yearly updating of topics
Donor: GIP International, France and NLI, Poland

GERMANY

Visit programme including consultancy and advice on systems for assessment for pension purposes and methods of assessment of psychophysical capabilities of handicapped persons.

Time schedule: 1997

Donor: German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs; Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Visit programme including consultancy and advice on the creation of an independent accident insurance system in Poland.

Time schedule: 1997

Donor: German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs; Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

PHARE

Programme on Worker Protection in Poland. The objective of the programme is to improve the capacity of Poland and the NLI to raise standards of worker protection in a rapidly changing economy, while at the same time laying the foundation for meeting requirements of European integration.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1997

Budget: Large scale

Donor: European Commission - Phare

SWEDEN

Information Strategy. The Swedish National Board of Occupational Safety and Health (NBOSH) provides support to form a strategy for informing employers, employees and the public in working environment matters. Gives practical support in the realisation of the strategy. The project includes: training, consultancy and advice, a seminar at the NLI, study visit to Stockholm, and a follow-up publication of a manual with focus on external publication activities.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1998

Budget: Small scale

Donor: SIDA

Project for technical co-operation in establishing a training centre in the field occupational safety and ergonomics at the CILP. Development of training programmes and education modules in the field of occupational safety and ergonomics for employers and safety engineers.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1997

Donor: SIDA; CILP

Training course for safety engineers on occupational health and safety organised by the Swedish National Institute for Working Life in conjunction with CILP.

Establishment of an education centre in the field of safety at work and ergonomics in CILP.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1997

Budget: Large scale

Donor: Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency (SIDA)

UNITED KINGDOM

After initial contact with the NOFER Institute in November 1995, HSE decided to assist the Institute to enhance the approximation of Polish legislation to European Commission regulations concerning the management of existing and new chemicals, particularly the classification and labelling of Dangerous Chemicals. The first stage of the project (to take place over 1996/1997) will assist the translation and editing of Annex One of Directive 67/548/EEC, to be used as a legally binding register of Dangerous Substances in Poland. These documents will lead in to the next stages of the project, which will focus on working with social partners in Poland to gain acceptance of the new system, and is scheduled to last a further two years.

Time schedule: 1996 - onwards

Donor: UK government Know How Fund (KHF)

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) provides projects related to occupational safety and ergonomics, in particular in the fields of: risk assessment and safety management; methods for elimination of occupational hazards; personal protective equipment; ergonomics; and economic incentives to improve working conditions. Form and specific topics still to be agreed.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1999

Donor: Costs arising from the implementation of projects will be borne by the party that incurs the costs

Twinning project between regions of the UK, Poland and the Slovak Republic. Please see number 218 for further details.

USA

Research co-operation between USA and Poland: Foot Current Increase Due To Capacitive Coupling With The HF Electrode. Experimental work - verification of earlier theoretical work. Design and construction of a stand for determining the function of changes in capacitive coupling of man with the source of high Frequency electric field.

Time schedule: 1996 - 1998

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Maria Sklodowska-Curie Joint Fund II

Environment, health and safety of privatised firms in Poland. Identification of population in privatised firms in Poland.

Time schedule: 1996 - 1997

Budget: Small scale

Donor: National Council for Soviet and East European Research, USA

WORLD BANK

World Bank Employment Promotion and Services Project: Preparation and development of 550 job descriptions for occupational skills and classification.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1997

Donor: World bank

COMPLETED

BELGIUM

The Belgium Ministry of Labour provided a training course on safety at work.

Time schedule: March 1996

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Belgian Ministry of Labour

DENMARK

The Danish WES is together with the Danish Employers' Confederation, the Danish Federation of Trade Unions, Solidarity, the Polish Employers' Federation and the National Labour Inspectorate of Poland engaged in developing safety training courses for safety organisations in selected Polish enterprises.

Time schedule: 1993 -1997

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Danish Government

A campaign to prevent accidents in the building and construction sector and special initiatives on major hazards in Poland.

Time schedule: 1994 -1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: Danish Government

FRANCE

Advanced seminar and training programme on illegal working and fighting against traffic of workers. Poland, Hungary, and EU Member States. Please see number 223. for further details.

Study visit by a Polish delegation on the topics of methods for assessment of occupational hazards and hygiene and safety at work.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: GIP International, France

Study visit by a Polish delegation including the participation in the 50th Anniversary of Occupational Medicine. Translation into Polish of important documentation in this field.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: GIP International, France

Polish researchers of the CILP visited France to study the French system of protection at work and prevention of occupational hazards. One part was organised by the French Textile Institute and concerned the methods and testing relating to the certification of PPP used in the industry. Another part was organised by the INRS and was an audit of the Polish system for safety at work.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: GIP International, France

A French Labour Inspector participated at a conference in Torun, Poland. The conference was organised by the Polish Labour Inspection on the topic of safety management in work processes. The Conference aimed to gather Polish professionals, labour inspectors, Members of Parliament, social partners, and scholars and scientists.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: Poland

Seminar in Poland on the European directives on chemical hazards their transposition into French Law.

Time schedule: 1996

GERMANY

Development of an independent accident insurance system, consultations about legislation and statistics.

Time schedule: 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Development of a modern occupational safety system, consultation and workshops on different issues of occupational safety (dangerous substances, noise protection,...)

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: Germany, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and HVBG

Training in health and safety in the chemical industry.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996

Donor: Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and Polish counterparts

IRELAND

Study visit to Ireland by members of the Council of the Polish Labour Inspectorate to examine how tripartism operated at the national level.

Time schedule: April 1997

Donor: European Commission - Phare

THE NETHERLANDS

Advanced training on risk assessment for the Polish Labour Inspectorate with Dutch experts ranging from the Dutch Labour Inspectorate through the TU Delft, Top Tech Studies and the TNO. Follow-up of earlier seminars in Poland: a study visit of a NLI group of 20 persons to the Netherlands in September/October 1997. Possibility of continuation on: risk assessment methods and tools.

Time schedule: 1997

Budget: Small scale

Donor: Dutch government; Polish NLI

PHARE

A three day seminar in Spain concerning the Spanish system of labour inspection, health and safety at work, and prevention of hazards.

Time schedule: September 1997

Donor: European Union - Phare; Spanish Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

System for Worker Protection in SMEs. The Danish Working Environment Service undertook this project under the Phare programme for Worker protection. It involved collecting and analysing information on best EU practice in worker protection in SMEs; indication of required training of inspectors.

Time schedule: June -October 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: European Commission - Phare

Establishment of a special unit in the Central Institute for Labour Protection (CILP) for the preparation of complex analysis on safety at the workplace, and creation of a database.

Time schedule: 1994 - 1996

Budget: Large scale

Donor: European Commission

SWEDEN

The Swedish National Institute for Working Life and the NBOSH provided Advanced International Training Programmes "Occupational Safety and Health in Practice" for Poland and some other CEECs. Activities included: seminars and follow-ups, training and consultancy and advice.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1997

Donor: SIDA; Polish NLI

UNITED KINGDOM

The Head of the Safety management Systems Unit of HSE's Chemical and hazardous Information Division (CHID) delivered a presentation on The UK Approach to Auditing Safety Management Systems in the Chemical Industry, to a seminar on chemical safety at the NLI's Wroclaw Training Centre.

Time schedule: May 1997

Donor: UK government KHF

Two members of HSE's International Branch visited Warsaw and conducted discussions with officials of the NLI and the CIOP. These were designed to assess the impact and success of past KHF projects, and assess the scope of and direction of future assistance.

Time schedule: February 1997

Building on the earlier media handling project March-September 1995, HSE Senior Information Officers delivered a further series of seminars on this theme. This series focused on the elements involved in planning and delivering an information campaign. This includes: defining the purpose of the campaign; deciding on a target audience; selecting appropriate media; ways to develop the campaign; and measuring the success of the campaign. The seminars were attended by NLI officials involved in preparing information campaigns.

Time schedule: January 1997

The Head of the Construction Sector of HSL visited the NLI to advise about the way that construction safety campaigns are carried out in the UK. The aim of this project was to help develop an effective inspection campaign at construction sites throughout Poland.

Time schedule: December 1996

The head of HSE's Economic Assessment Unit attended a conference on Labour Safety in Torun, Poland, organised by the Polish NLI, and delivered a presentation on the UK experience of Cost Benefit Assessment.

Time schedule: September 1996

UNDP: The UN Development Programme

Project on social protection and social market economy and labour protection for CILP. This involved the training of employers and experts responsible for safety in major plants on risk, accident prevention and conditions at work.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996
Budget: Medium scale
Donor: UNDP and CILP

USA

Preparation of programmes, instruction materials and pilot courses for CILP. Training of 10 Polish lecturers in the field of safety at work and ergonomics at prestigious American centres, preparation of training programmes for employers' and workers representatives.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996
Budget: Medium scale
Donor: US Department of Labour

ROMANIA

PLANNED

CANADA

Discussions on the funding and content of a possible project are planned with the Canadian Memramcook Institute and also the Work, Health Safety and Compensation Commission of New Brunswick.
Donor: Canadian Government

ON-GOING

DENMARK

Support for development of the working environment system in Romania. The project aims to support the efforts to establish a tripartite Committee on Health and Safety at Work and to develop a system for health and safety organisation in SMEs.

Time schedule: 1996 - 1998
Budget: Large scale
Donor: Danish Government, Technical-Administrative Support for Eastern Europe

GERMANY

The Feinmechanik and Elektrotechnik BG (precision mechanics and electrical engineering industry) is providing consultancy/ training, information and study tours to the Ministry for Labour and Social Security on a wide range of issues, including:
the introduction of a statutory accident insurance institution;
tasks of an accident prevention service;
qualifications of technical inspectors;
implementation of supervision and consultancy of companies;
assistance in transposing European standards and establishment of contacts with international institutions;
organisational aspects of a possible improvement of occupational safety in Romania.

Time schedule: 1993 - on-going
Donor: Feinmechanik and Elektrotechnik BG

PHARE

Phare Technical Assistance Programme on health and safety at work on strategy development, legislation, economic incentives, development of institutions and Methods, special initiatives in the mining sector. The programme is being delivered by institutions from Denmark (WES), Germany (HVBG), the UK (HSE), and many other sub-contractors.

Time schedule: 1995-1998

Budget: Large scale

Donor: European Commission - Phare

COMPLETED

FRANCE

During a visit to Romania two French IT Directors presented the French Information System regarding occupational safety and health.

Time schedule: 1996

A Romanian delegation led by the Director General of the Labour Inspection visited France to study the techniques of inspection in the field of occupational safety and the organisation of activities of protection at the workplace, in particular the functions of CHSCTs.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: GIP international, France

In the framework of co-operation between GIP International and the Romanian Ministry of Labour, technical assistance was provided on harmonisation in the field of Health and safety at work, in particular as regards the transposition of directives: 89/391/CEE, 92/57/CEE, and 89/654/CEE.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: GIP International, France

PHARE

A Romanian delegation from the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection visited Spain to study occupational safety and health legislation and labour inspection.

Time schedule: April 1997

Donor: European Commission - Phare

UNITED KINGDOM

One week visit by the Secretary of State at the Romanian Ministry of Labour and Social Protection to learn about HSE, the UK approach to health and safety, and to identify possible future KHF projects. The Secretary of State met the UK Under Secretary of State at the Department of Transport, Environment and the Regions, HSE's Director-General, and HSE officials.

Time schedule: June 1997

Donor: European Commission - Phare

An HSE Mines Inspector undertook a diagnostic visit to Romania to monitor progress on the Phare subcontract on mines safety.

Time schedule: May 1997

Donor: European Commission - Phare

Delivery of two one-week training courses by HSE experts in Romania and the UK on the development of institutions and methods of inspection as part of the Phare sub-contract.

Time schedule: March/April 1997

Donor: European Commission - Phare

The Chief Labour Inspector of Romania and the Romanian Ministry of Labour's Phare project manager visited HSE. The visit was designed to provide an overview of the work of HSE, particularly the work and structure of the Field Operations Division (FOD). As well as visits to HSE London HQ, FOD HQ in Bootle, and the Health and Safety Laboratory (HSL), the Romanians also visited an Area Office and accompanied Field Inspectors to industrial sites and factories.

Time schedule: February 1997

An HSE Mines Inspector took part in a mission to Romania to discuss and advise on progress on the Phare sub-contract on mines safety.

Time schedule: October 1996

Donor: European Commission - Phare

Two experts from Rockbolting Mines Technology Ltd, under sub-contract to HSE, visited Romania and investigated conditions in the Romanian mines industry. They produced a report with recommendations for future action, as part of the on-going Phare sub-contract.

Time schedule: July 1996

Donor: European Commission - Phare

A senior delegation from the Romania Ministry of Labour and Social Protection visited HSE as part of the wider Phare programme to provide assistance to the Romanian mining industry. The delegation were given an introduction to the general structure and function of HSE, and visited HSE's Mines Inspectorate as well as the Health and Safety Laboratory.

Time schedule: February 1996

Donor: European Commission - Phare

WORLD BANK

Programme concerning equipment to improve systems in health and safety.

Time schedule: 1995-1996

Budget: Large scale

Donor: World Bank

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

ON-GOING

GERMANY

Information on the German accident insurance system, the prevention activities of the BGs, financing of accident insurance and calculation of contributions, training in the BG Centres; consultancy as to the Accident Insurance Bill of the Russian Federation; development of and exhibition on occupational safety.

Time schedule: 1995 - on-going

Donor: Germany/HVBG, GVG and the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

COMPLETED

FINLAND

Tacis Programme: basic legislation on occupational safety including drafting of improved legislation, planning of a labour insurance system, organisation of work safety inspection, establishing of training and information centre. Project undertaken by the Helsinki University Knowledge Services Ltd in collaboration with the Finnish Ministry of Labour.

Time schedule: 1995-1997

Budget: Large scale

Donor: European Union - Tacis

GERMANY

Centre for Occupational Safety and Health - co-operation and co-ordination.

Consultations and financial support for the further development of the Centre and for the development of a training programme.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, and Russian counterparts

Centre for training and further education in the field of occupational safety. Pilot project, consultations and support for the technical equipment.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

New regulations for the foundry and smithy industry. Consultations on topicality and adaptation of in-force laws.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

Pilot project: Mobile Measuring Vehicle. Consultancy for conception, necessary equipment and training of staff.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

UNITED KINGDOM

Tacis Assistance Programme:

A Superintending Inspector in NSD B assisted Gosatomnadzor, the Russian NRA in developing its Training Requirements and Training Packages for Regulators. As part of this programme he visited the Novovoronech NPP. The work was carried out under Task 5 of the Tacis Assistance Programme. (12-17 February 1996)

Further discussions were held in Brussels. (17-21 June 1996)

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: European Commission, Tacis

The Contract co-ordinator for HSE's involvement in the Russian Contract attended a Joint European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and Russian Expert Group in Russia to discuss the requirements for in-depth safety of Russian Nuclear Power Plant (NPP).

Time schedule: June 1996

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

PLANNED

ILO

Continuation of the ILO (Admitra) project concerning the development of Labour Inspection. Workshop concerning the application of new technologies and management systems in labour protection held at the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Bratislava, the Slovak Republic.

Time schedule: December 1997

Donor: ILO; Ministry for Women, Labour and Social Affairs, Hesse, Germany

Continuation of the ILO (Admitra) project concerning the development of Labour Inspection. One week stay of two Slovak experts at the Labour Inspectorate in Fulda, Hesse, to study the information system in labour protection.

Time schedule: December 1997

Donor: ILO; Ministry for Women, Labour and Social Affairs, Hesse, Germany

ON-GOING

DENMARK

A Danish sector programme for 1995-98 concerning the use of chemicals and pesticides (Czech-Slovak project). Please see number 210. for full details.

GERMANY

Agreement of Bilateral Co-operation. Advice on drafting of laws. Advisory and Consultancy activity on the creation of Labour Inspection Law.

Time schedule: On-going co-operation

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Women, Hesse, and GVG e.V. Cologne Germany

UNITED KINGDOM

Twinning project between regions of the UK, Poland and the Slovak Republic. Please see number 214. for further details.

COMPLETED

DENMARK

Development of an accident register - (Czech-Slovak project). Please see number 219. for full details

Institution building programme concerning the development of technical inspection in Slovakia. Involves the development of information, technical support, and technical inspections quality manual (EU Phare).

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Danish Government; European Commission - Phare; Slovak Republic

GERMANY

Co-operation project with Germany concerning accidents insurance.

Time schedule: September - October 1997

Donor: Germany

Working Group "Accident Insurance". Discussion on the necessary elements for the introduction of accident insurance: data collection and statistics, calculation of contributions and disbursement, organisation and structure of an insurance institution.

Time schedule: January / June 1996

Donor: Germany / HVBG, GVG

ILO

Workplace Information Management Systems (WIMS). The project aims to develop labour protection in the Slovak Republic through improved Workplace Information Management Systems.

Time schedule: 1995-1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: ILO; German State of Hesse

UNITED KINGDOM

Third stage of the twinning project. Five inspectors from Wales FOD visited Kosice in East Slovakia for a series of discussions with their Slovak counterparts, and a comprehensive series of inspections at a variety of industrial sites.

Time schedule: May 1996

Two members of HSE's International Section visited Bratislava to discuss with SOSO the current position of assistance programmes, and identify further areas for co-operation. They met the Chairman of SOSO, as well as the Director of the Organisational and Economic Department, the Director of the labour Inspection Department, and the Director of the Judicial Department. The long-term positive effect of the twinning project, and its role in effecting real changes the health and safety systems in the Slovak Republic was stressed by SOSO.

Time schedule: March 1996

REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

ON-GOING

IRELAND

The HSA is assisting in drawing up terms of reference for a consultancy project on the development of a system of safety and health.

Time schedule: July - November 1997

Donor: European Commission - Phare

PHARE

Phare Programme on Employment and Social Reform which started in 1994. The Programme contains a part on safety and health at work which is due to begin in 1997. The main activity will be consultancy and advice on European legislation. An Irish expert will participate.

Time schedule: 1997 -

Budget: Large scale (the entire Programme)

Donor: European Commission - Phare

COMPLETED

EUROPEAN UNION

The Technical Assistance Information Exchange (TAIEX) Office and the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a seminar in Helsinki on impact analysis in the social field, the Finnish experience and the role of social partners.

Time schedule: June 1997

Donor: European Commission - TAIEX

The TAIEX Office and DG V provided a technical meeting in Ljubljana on health and safety at work.

Time schedule: May 1997

Budget: Small scale

Donor: European Commission - TAIEX

REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

II. International Conference on Global Safety in Bled, Slovenia. The Conference, which, among other things, dealt with occupational safety and health, had participation from a number of CEECs and Western European countries.

Time schedule: June 1996

Donor: Republic of Slovenia, Germany (Bundesarbeitsgemeinschaft für Arbeitssicherheit (BASl))

UKRAINE

ON-GOING

GERMANY

General Information on the German accident insurance system and consultancy on legislation and the establishment of an occupational safety centre: information on the statutory accident insurance system, tasks and services of the BGs, training of technical inspectors organisation and targets of occupational safety in the companies, financing, occupational diseases, rehabilitation; consultancy on a new OSH Bill; co-operation in planning an exhibition on health and safety at work and in developing the occupational safety centre.

Time schedule: 1995 - on-going

Donor: Germany / HVBG and GVG

COMPLETED

GERMANY

The Ministry of Labour, Health and Social Affairs, Nordrhein-Westfalen and Enterprise Siempelkamp Krehfeld are planning to provide assistance on nuclear safety legislation.

Time schedule: 1995/96

Donor: European Commission - Tacis

Centre for Occupational Safety and Health: pilot project for training in the field of safety and health.

Time schedule: 1996

Donor: German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs and State Committee for Occupational Safety and Health Supervision, Ukraine

Development of an education system in the field of occupational health and safety, development of training programmes for Labour Inspectors and Health and Safety Experts at plant level.

Time schedule: 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Development of the administration in the field of health and safety at work, consultancy on drafting of Laws and adaptation of current legislation to that of the European Union.

Time schedule: 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: German Federal Government, Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

UNITED KINGDOM

An ex-HSE employee acting as a private consultant for HSE visited Kiev to hold discussions with the senior officials of the Ukrainian State Committee for Labour Protection to determine the aims and objectives of a future Know How Fund (KHF) project on product certification and safety standards. He produced a report detailing a number of possible projects in this area which were explored in August 1997.

Time schedule: June, August 1997

Two inspectors from the Ukrainian State Committee for Mines Safety visited HSE's Mines Inspectorate for an introduction to the implementation of UK mines safety legislation. During their visit they accompanied UK Mines Inspectors on site inspections, and held discussions with HM Chief Mines Inspector about the UK/Ukraine experience of mines safety. Proposals to extend HSE assistance the Ukrainian mining industry were also discussed.

Time schedule: November 1996

Donor: UK government KHF

A senior delegation from the Ukraine State Committee for Labour Protection visited HSE. The delegation was given a detailed introduction to the role and responsibilities of HSE, including introductions to key policy areas and a visit to an Area Office and the Health and Safety Laboratory. Proposals for further assistance projects in Ukraine were produced during the visit.

Time schedule: April 1996.

MULTILATERAL ACTIVITIES

PLANNED

DENMARK

Co-operation between the Danish government the countries of the Baltic Sea region on integrated environment activities in the region. Co-operation between national authorities for environment and for health and safety at work in the field of chemicals, waste and high risks enterprises. Activities will include training, consultancy and advice, translation, visit programmes, and development of inspection methods.

Time schedule: 1998 - 2001

Budget: Large scale

Donor: Danish Government; recipient countries

NORDIC COUNCIL

The Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health (NIVA) will provide two training courses in Tallinn for experts from the Baltic States on occupational health and safety. The five-day training courses will be on: Basics of OSH and OSH in practice

Time schedule: November 1997

Budget: Small scale

Donor: Nordic Council of Ministers

ON-GOING

DENMARK

Co-operation between the Danish government and the Baltic States on preparation to EU-accession. The co-operation comprises bilateral activities in the field of EU legislation and health and safety at work. Main activities are: training, consultation and advice, a conference, translation, visit programmes, and twinning activities.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1998

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Danish government; recipient countries

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and the Danish Working Environment Service agreed a programme of co-operation which began in 1994, involving a Danish sector programme in the Baltic States concerning working environment and the organisation of working environment training. This comprises:

seminars for labour inspection officials;

development of a training programme and training of labour inspection employees.

The training will include training theory and practice, establishment and administration of training programmes, etc.;

development of enterprise safety organisations and establishment of a related structure for enterprise managers and safety representatives.

Time schedule: 1994-1998

Budget: Large scale

Donor: Danish Government

Danish sector programme for 1995-98 concerning working environment systems for regulation, inspection and information in connection with the use of chemicals and pesticides. The project includes training of inspectors, a seminar for importers and producers, and a draft law on chemicals. (Czech-Slovak project).

Time schedule: 1995 - 1998

Budget: Large scale

Donor: Danish Government

ILO

The ILO is carrying out a project in the Baltic States (RER/96/M04/FRA). The projects concerns the strengthening of inspection and promotion practices on general conditions of work. The purpose of the project is to improve existing policies and procedures concerning labour inspectors' role in supervising general working conditions and practices problems of an organisational and technical nature in the inspection work.

Time schedule: 1997 - 1998

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: France

NORDIC COUNCIL

The Nordic Working Environment Committee has made an application for Adjacent areas (Baltic countries, St. Petersburg area, the Barents region, and the Arctic regions) funds in 1997 to finance o.a. translation of Nordic reports into the three Baltic languages, conferences including a Baltic-Nordic conference on working environment problems in the fishing industry as well as study visits to the Nordic working environment authorities for the directors of the Baltic labour inspection services.

Time schedule: 1997

Donor: Nordic Council of Ministers

UNITED KINGDOM

The HSE's Nuclear Safety Division continues to participate in both the European Commission's Phare and Tacis programmes and assists in providing technical experts to advise on nuclear safety aspects.

Donor: European Commission
Extension of the "Twinning Project" between HSE's Field Operations Division (FOD) and East Slovakia and to include the Krakow Region (District) of the National Labour Inspectorate (NLI) with the focus on major hazards and involvement of Scotland FOD and Wales FOD.

Time schedule: 1997 - on-going

Budget: Small scale

Donor: UK government KHF, with co-funding by NLI and the SOSO

The International Group of Directors of Occupational Safety and Health Research Institutes was initiated in 1998 and now has 18 members from 15 countries. It exists to exchange information on the Institutes' current and planned research programmes and other outputs of interest, and to identify possibilities of direct co-operation. Among the Directors are members from Poland, Hungary, and Russia. The Group meets once a year to discuss programmes and longer-term strategic issues.

Through the EC Regulatory and Assistance Management Group, the Nuclear Safety Division (NSD) has maintained close co-operation with the nuclear regulators in the CEECs and the Former Soviet Union (FSU). Along with other Western European regulators, NSD has begun to implement assistance to the CEECs and the FSU on regulatory matters. The countries involved are: Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania, the Republic of Slovenia, the Slovak Republic, Kazakhstan, and the Czech Republic.

COMPLETED

DENMARK

Training courses for the members of the Working Environment Council in the three Baltic countries.

Time schedule: 1996

The Danish Working Environment Service participated in a consortium to take forward an EU Phare Programme on the training of business advisory consultants in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Time schedule: 1995-1996

Budget: Large scale

Donor: European Commission - Phare, Danish Government

Development of an accident register - development of software, organisation, education and analysis facilities. Harmonisation of occupational accidents statistics with the EU (Czech-Slovak project).

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996

Budget: Large scale

Donor: Denmark, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

A number of CEECs and others participated in the European Conference on Cost and Benefits of Occupational Health. The Conference was funded from the Phare Consensus programme and took place in The Hague.

Time schedule: May 1997

Donor: European Commission - Phare

A number of CEECs and others participated in the 4th International Conference organised by the 'Commission Internationale de la Santé au Travail' and the 'Institut de Médecine du Travail de haute-Normandie', France, concerning the systems of social safety and health insurance; financing and involvement in health at work. The Conference was funded from the Phare Consensus programme.

Time schedule: April 1997

Donor: European Commission - Phare

Programme PECO 93 Action: Epidemiological survey in chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases in different European countries. The survey was designed for comparison of respiratory health status within the EU and several CEECs.

Time schedule: 1994 - 1996

Budget: Small scale

Donor: European Commission and the University of Pisa, Italy

FRANCE

The 'Centre des Etudes Européennes' at Strasbourg organised a seminar for Poland, Hungary, and EU Member States. It was an advanced seminar and training programme on: Illegal working and fighting against traffic of workers. Attending were co-operating institutions' representatives from the French-German border regions (cross-border co-operatin) and observers from other countries including inspectors from NLI and th Hungarian Labour Inspection.

Time schedule: March 1997

Budget: Small scale

Donor: Centre des Etudes Européennes, France

ILO

The ILO is carrying out a Baltic Labour Inspection project concerning the improvement of the inspection system and working environment.

Time schedule: 1994 - 1997

Budget: Large scale

Donor: Finland

UNDP - The UN Development Programme

ILO-UNDP Programme: Baltic Labour Protection Policies. Design of national policy and action programmes in labour protection in all three Baltic States based tripartite consultations, study tours and training activities.

Time schedule: 1995 - 1996

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: UNDP Baltic Trust Fund

NORDIC COUNCIL

A Nordic-Baltic conference on labour inspection in Riga, Latvia. The conference was organised by the Latvian State Labour Inspectorate in collaboration with the Nordic Working Environment Committee. This Committee is set up by the Civil Servants Committee for Labour Market and Working Environment Issues under the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Time schedule: September 1996

Donor: Nordic Council of Ministers

SLOVAK REPUBLIC

The Occupational Safety Office of the Slovak Republic organised an International Conference on Integrated Labour Inspection and Harmonisation with the EU. There was participation from a large number of CEECs, from the UK, Germany, Denmark, IALI, ILO, the European Commission DG V (the Senior Labour Inspectors Committee), ILO, and the Eurosh*Net Secretariat.

Time schedule: September 1996

Donor: Occupational Safety Office of the Slovak Republic

SWEDEN

A six week training course on occupational health and safety for participants from Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Russia. It was aimed at occupational health service personnel, labour inspectors, occupational physicians and researchers in OSH. The last week to be held in Poland about a year later.

Time schedule: 1995; 1996

Budget: Medium scale

Donor: Swedish International Development Co-operation Agency