

NEWS

(JANUARY-MARCH)

Napo is back to fight musculoskeletal disorders in the workplace

Since 2007, when Napo introduced his Lighten the Load film to raise awareness about work-related musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), the still high prevalence of this serious health problem in Europe, has inspired Napo to present 6 new video clips, once again full of humour and good advice.

Sedentary work, monotonous and repetitive movements, lack of physical activity and lifting heavy loads are some of the risk factors that Napo, Napette and the Boss confront to stop or reduce the musculoskeletal suffering in the workplace. Early intervention, technical and organisational preventive measures, ergonomic equipment and musculoskeletal health since the school age parade from scene to scene to convey a simple message: work-related MSDs can be prevented.

Join Napo in his new adventure [Napo in...Lighten the Load – 2021](#)

Visit the website of the 2020-22 campaign [Healthy Workplaces Lighten the Load](#)

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NEW MANAGEMENT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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Name	Member/ Alternate	Interest Group	Country	Person replaced
Viktoria BERGSTRÖM	Alternate	Governments	Sweden	Victoria DIPPEL

NEW FOCAL POINT MANAGERS

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Name	Country	Focal Point organisation	Person replaced
Žanna ŠOSTAK	Croatia	Ministry of Labour, Pension System, Family and Social Policy	Ana AKRAP

PUBLICATIONS

RECENT & UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Publication	Status and/or foreseen date of publication
Policy brief : Impact of artificial intelligence and OSH	Published in January 2021
Report : Working with chronic MSDs — good practice advice	Published in February 2021



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Summary : Working with chronic MSDs — good practice advice	Published in February 2021
Report : (Trainer's manual) - Substitution of dangerous substances at workplaces: A training course for OSH practitioners	Published in February 2021
Report : (Participant's manual) - Substitution of dangerous substances at workplaces: A training course for OSH practitioners	Published in February 2021
HWC20-22: Infographics Working with MSDs (EN)	Published in March 2021
HWC20-22: Infosheet Working with chronic MSDs (EN)	Published in March 2021
HWC20-22: PPT Working with chronic musculoskeletal disorders	Published in March 2021
Digitalisation and OSH brochure in PL and RO	Published in March 2021
Policy brief : Agriculture and forestry OSH impact	Published in March 2021
Discussion paper : Participatory ergonomics	Published in March 2021
OSH wiki article – Participatory ergonomics	Published in March 2021
HWC Logomotion in 24 languages	To be published in Q2 2021
Summary: Literature review: Mainstreaming MSDs into education	To be published in Q2 2021
Report: MSDs - Prolonged static postures sitting	To be published in Q2 2021
Summary: Prolonged static postures sitting	To be published in Q2 2021
Report: MSDs - Prolonged static postures standing	To be published in Q2 2021
Summary: MSDs - Prolonged static postures standing	To be published in Q2 2021
Case studies Report: Technical analysis - MSDs - prolonged sitting static postures - prevention	To be published in Q2 2021
Case Studies Summary report : Technical analysis - MSDs - prolonged sitting static postures - prevention	To be published in Q2 2021
Literature review: Overarching Review on Improving the Extent and Quality of Compliance with OSH Regulations	To be published in Q2 2021
Report: Overarching Review on Improving the Extent and Quality of Compliance with OSH Regulations	To be published in Q2 2021
Summary: Overarching Review on Improving the Extent and Quality of Compliance with OSH Regulations	To be published in Q2 2021

MEETINGS

RECENT MEETINGS (JANUARY-MARCH)

Meeting	Date	Location
Executive Board	20 January	Virtual meeting
Management Board	20-22 January	Virtual meeting
Focal Points	9-10 February	Virtual meeting
Tools and Awareness Raising Advisory Group (TARAG)	16 February	Virtual meeting
Workshop on Digitalisation with TARAG members	23 February	Virtual meeting
OSH Knowledge Advisory Group (OKAG)	3 March	Virtual meeting
Workshop - Do psychosocial risks at work contribute to musculoskeletal disorders? Research evidence and prevention strategies	11 March	Virtual meeting
IPA Webinar on OSH in Agriculture	16 March	Webinar
Workshop - Telework in a global pandemic. Overview of risks and prevention policies in Europe	25 March	Virtual meeting

MINUTES FROM RECENT MEETINGS

Group	Date	Extranet link
Management Board	20-22 January	MB/21/M1 Minutes
Focal Points	9-10 February	FOP/21/M1 Draft minutes
OSH Knowledge Advisory Group (OKAG)	12-13 November	OKAG/21/M2 Minutes

UPCOMING MEETINGS (APRIL-JUNE)

Meeting	Date	Location
Focal Point Campaign Group	27 April	Virtual meeting
Extraordinary Management Board meeting	10 May	Virtual meeting
Focal Points	11-12 May	Virtual meeting
Focal Point Workshop: Foresight Study on the Circular Economy and its effect on OSH, Scenarios until 2040 – Presentation and Discussion	12 May	Virtual meeting
Workshop on Psychosocial Risks	25 May	Virtual meeting
Management Board	1-3 June	Virtual meeting
HWC Partners Good Practice Exchange meeting	9 June	Virtual meeting

PROGRESS REPORT

RECENT PROGRESS REPORTS (January-March)

N/A

VISITS

KEY VISITS TO THE AGENCY (JANUARY-MARCH)

Visit	Date
N/A	

EXTERNAL WEBINARS (JANUARY-MARCH)

Organisation	Title	Event date
European Commission	Roundtable discussion on EU OSH priorities with Nicolas Schmit, EU Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights	12 January
UK Faculty of Public Health in collaboration with the European Public Health Association	Legal Epidemiology and the path to better health and policy	21 January
The Lloyd's Register Foundation and Gallup	Policy Roundtable - Fire Risks and Safety at Work	28 January
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/insight-action-fire-risks-and-safety-work-policymaker-roundtable		
Centre for European Policy Studies	"Return to work after illness: the role of industrial relations"	29 January
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/return-work-after-illness-role-industrial-relations		
European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW)	Social Dialogue for the Construction Industry	2-3 February
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/social-dialogue-construction-industry		
European Parliament	Exchange of views with the Executive Directors of the 5 Agencies in the EMPL remit	2 February
European Commission	3rd EU-Taiwan labour consultation on OSH	3 February
NIVA - Nordic Institute for Advanced Training in Occupational Health and EU-OSHA	Alternative Assessment and Substitution of Dangerous Substances at Workplaces	9 February
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/alternative-assessment-and-substitution-dangerous-substances-workplaces		
CEAT - Centro Español para Asuntos de los Trabajadores	Seminario: Seguridad y salud en el trabajo: Lugares de trabajo europeos más saludables, seguros y productivos	19-21 February
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/seminario-seguridad-y-salud-en-el-trabajo-lugares-de-trabajo-europeos-mas-saludables		



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European Parliament - Committee on Employment and Social Affairs	Exchange of views on 'Protection of workers from exposure to carcinogens or mutagens at work'-CMD 4	23 February
Dutch Directorate for Occupational Safety and Health	Presentation on Monitoring in the European Context	25 February
HOSPEEM-EPSU	MSD in the Health Sector from Evidence to Practice. Exchange between social partners and the way forward	25 February
industriAll European Trade Union	Meeting of the industriAll Europe Health & Safety Network	2 March
Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BaUA)	German kick-off event of the 'Healthy Workplaces Campaign: Lighten the Load 2020-2022'	2 March
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/hwc-healthy-workplaces-relieve-yourself		
Gesellschaft für Arbeitswissenschaft	67 th Spring Congress – Arbeit HUMAINE gestalten	3-5 March
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/67th-spring-congress-arbeit-humaine-gestalten		
ELA - European Labour Authority	6th Management Board Meeting ELA - European Labour Authority	9 March
EU Presidency Event - Portuguese Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security	High-level Conference on the Future of Work "Remote Work: Challenges, Risks and Opportunities"	9 March
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/high-level-conference-future-work-remote-work-challenges-risks-and-opportunities		
Eurofound	Advisory Committee meeting for Working Conditions and sustainable work	10 March
European Platform tackling undeclared work	Platform seminar: Tackling undeclared work among seasonal (including mobile) workers: developments, trends and good practices	16 March
European Commission - DG EMPL	Meeting - ACSH Working Party on Strategy	17 March
SECO - State Secretariat for Economic Affairs	Innovative methodological advances in OSH-research for public policy	17 March
ORP International Foundation (Occupational Risk Prevention), Global Vision Zero Business Council and the Danish Vision Zero Council	International ORP Conference, Vision Zero and the Great Reset, Safety, Health and Wellbeing for a new and better future	17-18 March
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/international-orp-conference-vision-zero-and-great-reset-safety-health-and-wellbeing-new		
Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities	The Future of Work: Discussion with the students of the University of Maribor on Safety and Health at Work	18 March
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/university-maribor-student-event		



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Committee on Employment and Social Affairs	Hearing on “The Future EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work (2021-2027), asbestos included”	18 March
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/hearing-future-eu-strategic-framework-health-and-safety-work-2021-2027-asbestos-included		
CEN-CENELEC PPE Sector Forum	Sustainability in PPE: addressing the challenges through standardization	18 March
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/workshop-sustainability-ppe		
European Abrasive Federation of European Producers of Abrasives	Combined Commission meeting	23 March
European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment Social Affairs and Inclusion	Second annual EaSI conference “Supporting the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and synergies with other EU programmes and initiatives”	23-24 March
MEP Marianne Vind	Webinar on the Commissions Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at work 2021-2027	23 March
Social Protection, Governance and Tripartism Programme- International Training Centre of the ILO	E-Coaching on Improving OSH in SMEs	24 March
Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security	EU Presidency Event - International Conference Roadmap on Carcinogens	24 March
https://osha.europa.eu/en/oshevents/eu-presidency-event-internacional-conference-roadmap-carcinogens		
Ipsos on behalf of the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion – DG EMPL	Workshop next steps of the evaluation of the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020	25 March
European Commission - DG EMPL	Dedicated Liaison Forum on EU Occupational Safety and Health and Work (OSH)	30 March

WRITTEN PROCEDURES

RECENT MANAGEMENT BOARD WRITTEN PROCEDURES (JANUARY-MARCH)

Decision	Date of adoption
Draft minutes of Management Board meeting of 20-22 January 2021	18 March

ONGOING MANAGEMENT BOARD WRITTEN PROCEDURES (APRIL-JUNE)

Decision	Date
Implementing rules: Commission Decision C(2020)4818 of 20 July 2020 amending the Commission Decision C(2011)1278 of 3 March 2011 on the general implementing provisions for Articles 11 and 12 of Annex VIII to the Staff Regulations on the transfer of pension rights	12 April