

## **Framework for cooperation between the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) and the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)**

1. This framework for cooperation between EU-OSHA<sup>1</sup> and EIGE<sup>2</sup> aims at establishing an effective arrangement to ensure synergies between the work of the two organisations and avoid duplication of activities.
2. The basic aim of EU-OSHA is to provide the Community bodies, the Member States, the social partners and those involved in the field of occupational safety and health with the technical, scientific and economic information of use in the field of safety and health at work. The importance of the gender dimension to occupational safety and health and as a consequence to EU-OSHA's work has been increasingly recognised, for example in the Community Strategies on occupational safety and health.<sup>3</sup>
3. The basic aim of EIGE is to contribute to and strengthen the promotion of gender equality, including gender mainstreaming in all Community policies and the resulting national policies, and the fight against discrimination based on sex, and to raise EU citizens' awareness of gender equality by providing technical assistance to the Community institutions, in particular the Commission, and the authorities of the Member States.
4. It is in the public interest as well as in the common interest of both organisations to increase their cooperation in relation to different topics including the collection, analysis and dissemination of information related to gender equality issues.
5. Both organisations will promote an active and on-going cooperation with each other.

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<sup>1</sup> Council Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 of 18 July 1994 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EC) No 1922/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on establishing a European Institute for Gender Equality

<sup>3</sup> Community strategy 2002-2006 on health and safety at work. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions; Community strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work. Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.

6. Both organisations will, on a regular basis, exchange their annual and multi-annual work programmes (or drafts or outlines thereof) as early as possible.
7. The two organisations will review their respective current and future work programmes in order to identify additional opportunities for collaboration as new areas of activity are undertaken by each of the agencies in the future, to ensure coordination in regard to matters falling within the mutual interest of the organisations.
8. Collaboration will, where relevant, include information exchange, dissemination of public information and publications related to each other's activities, invitations to meetings and conferences and sharing of expertise and experience.
9. Where relevant, the organisations will keep each other informed about the research and publications and will plan for possible joint research initiatives.
10. Both organisations will keep each other informed about communication activities that concern the areas of interest outlined in this agreement.
11. Both organisations will nominate main contact persons for specified areas of common interest
12. The framework for cooperation in no way affects the regulations establishing the two organisations and is not intended to be legally binding.

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