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## EFNMS RECEIVES THE "EU-OSHA LOYALTY AWARD"

EFNMS participated to the 'Healthy Workplaces Campaign Partner Event' held recently in Brussels. The main scope of this two-day event, organized by EU-OSHA, was the exchange of 'good practices' in Occupational Health and Safety (OSH) through the presentation of parallel workshops.

EFNMS was represented by Dr. George Scroubelos (left on the photo), the Chairman of the European Health, Safety and Environment Committee (EHSEC), who participated to the workshop entitled: 'Removing the barriers for occupational safety and health (OSH) in education and training'. The Workshop looked at different approaches to overcoming formal and informal barriers, to make OSH an integral part of education and training, thereby laying the foundation for an OSH culture. The approaches were illustrated with examples on the theme of the current EU-OSHA campaign on MSD prevention.

Upon completion of the first Parallel Workshops' Day, a respective Ceremony followed, where the EU Commissioner Nicolas Schmit handed over the "Campaign Partner Loyalty Awards" to the most active participating Official Campaign Partners. EFNMS was awarded for the third time in a row, for actively supporting the Healthy Workplaces' Campaigns, thus remaining a loyal partner.



## SURVEY ASKS ELECTRICAL WORKERS ABOUT SAFETY CULTURE, RESPONSIBILITY AND MORE

Although 97.5% of electrical workers recently surveyed agree that a strong workplace safety culture is vital to protecting employee health and well-being, fewer than 2 out of 5 say most organizations have one. Only 37% of the workers agreed that most companies have a strong safety culture.

When it comes to who is most responsible for workplace safety, 38% of the respondents replied "workers/yourself," followed by, in order, supervisors/managers, safety managers, company leadership and human resources. Additionally, 78% of the respondents suggested that electricians sometimes don't wear personal protective equipment because it's inconvenient.

Other findings:

- 95% of the workers believe that more can be done to make their workplace safer
- 56% have ideas on how to make their industry safer
- 72% stay up to date on electrical standards
- 68% participate in regular safety trainings or classes
- Fluke said the aim of the survey is to identify trends in sentiment on a variety of workplace safety-related topics

## CALENDAR

Save the dates **14th World Conference on Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion**

Sunday 27 to Wednesday 30 November: Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

Around 4.4 million people die every year and millions more are disabled from injuries brought about by road traffic crashes, drowning, falls, burns, poisoning or violence. They constitute 8% of all deaths worldwide. In most instances, these injuries are preventable.

Responding to injuries consumes precious health resources, drains economies and impedes progress towards achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

**Healthy Workplaces Lighten the Load' Campaign 2020-22**

will take place on 14 and 15 November 2022 at the Euskalduna Conference Centre in Bilbao, Spain. EHSEC (EFNMS) as well as the NVDO will be present. Save the date!



Discussions will take place in plenary and parallel sessions covering the topics of (1) Inspection of MSDs in enterprises – challenges and innovative solutions, (2) Working with chronic MSDs, and (3) Psychosocial risks and MSDs. A special panel discussion will be dedicated to occupational safety and health (OSH) in the new world of work, linking this campaign to the forthcoming 'Healthy Workplaces in the Digital Age' campaign 2023-25. Finally, the Summit will of course also provide plenty of networking opportunities.

**7th EUROSHNET Conference "Artificial Intelligence meets Safety and Health at work"**

The 7th European Conference will take place on 20 October 2022 in Paris, France.

The emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) is deeply impacting companies today. In order to highlight the impact of AI on occupational safety and health, the European OSH standardization network EUROSHNET will dedicate its 7th European conference to this issue. Experts will define the concept of AI, specify the different technologies and the different sectors concerned.

## ACCIDENT WITH A TOPPLING OBJECT

Every year serious accidents happen where the victim is hit by a toppling object. A practical example: Hank has gotten the task to move a number of wooden panels to another place in the workspace. The panels stand on a small stand so steep, they are anchored to the back wall with a lashing strap. Hank releases the lashing strap and takes three panels to the plinth. With the removal of the fourth panel, it goes wrong. The panels that are still standing against the wall fall down. Hank tries to walk away, but ends up half underneath the panels. He breaks his ankle and has a number of bruises.

Facts and Figures in this [INFOGRAPHIC](#)





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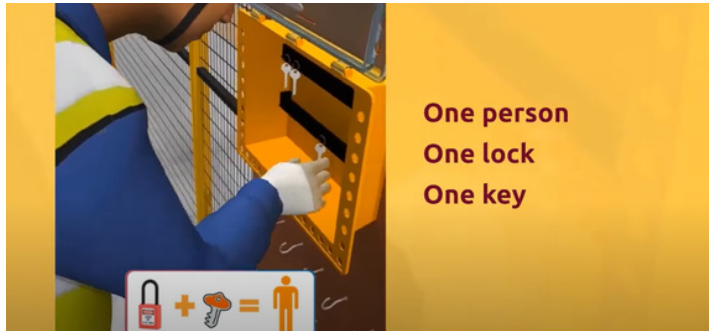
## LOTOTO

One of the best ways to demonstrate the hazards involved with LOTOTO is by telling a story that provides an injury example or one with a near-miss. Once you've captured your employee's attention, bring it back to the basics.

Year after year, LOTOTO compliance is listed as one of OSHA's top ten most-cited violations – not because procedures aren't in place but because people have deviated from those procedures over time. Even though refresher training isn't required by the OSHA standard, a toolbox talk is a good reminder for maintaining safety, especially for essential procedures like LOTOTO and the common human factors associated with them.

Without that reminder, the effectiveness of the LOTOTO program will diminish over time as memory fades and complacency increases. Here's our bit dug out from our safety animation library that prompts you to take LOTOTO seriously!

[WATCH](#)



## IMPROVING ERGONOMICS THROUGH MULTI-PROFESSIONAL COOPERATION IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY

In 2014, the factory's management team initiated an investigation into sick leave. Musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) were found to be the main reason for absenteeism. Therefore, management decided to make a determined effort to improve ergonomics.

At the factory, the employees do shift work. Most production work involves lifting heavy sacks and boxes and pushing and dragging packages. These tasks are associated with awkward working postures and repetitive strain. Employees often work in hot and damp conditions and in a noisy environment. Identified stress factors also include the constant need for monitoring and repeated interruptions.

[READ](#) more about this case study!



## EU PARLIAMENT PASSES REPORT ON MENTAL HEALTH IN THE DIGITAL WORLD OF WORK

In the context of the pandemic, the European Parliament has voted overwhelmingly to pass a report on mental health authored by Maria Walsh, Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and Co-Chair of Mental Health Europe. The report entitled 'Mental Health in the Digital World of Work' aims to set a policy standard for mental health and wellness support for workers across the EU.

MEP Walsh also calls on Nicolas Schmit, Commissioner for Employment and Social Affairs, to support her request to dedicate 2023 as the European Year for Mental Health. The EU Year will raise awareness on the topic and ensure debate to address what's already been described as a growing crisis.

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## LARGEST EUROPEAN MAINTENANCE CONFERENCE, EUROMAINTENANCE, COMES TO ROTTERDAM AHOY IN 2023

The largest European maintenance conference will eventually be held in Rotterdam from 17 to 19 April 2023. Covid-19 threw a spanner in the earlier plans, but the Dutch Maintenance Society (NVDO), the European Federation of National Maintenance Societies (EFNMS) and Rotterdam Ahoy will combine forces again. At the same time, Rotterdam Ahoy will be hosting the largest technology and maintenance exhibition in the Benelux from 18 to 20 April 2023: Maintenance NEXT. During this period, this powerful combination will make Rotterdam the European meeting place for maintenance professionals in the Asset Management industry.



*"The effort to spread the word on the significance of prevention never stops"*

