

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

Geopa-Copa seminar on Musculoskeletal disorders in agriculture 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2012, Maastricht

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# The presentation

- Brief description role of EU-OSHA
- EU-OSHA work and information resources on Musculoskeletal disorders
- Presentation of the "Working together for risk prevention - Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2012-13"







# **Brief description – role of EU-OSHA**

- www.osha.europa.eu
- European body based in Bilbao
- What we do:
  - Campaigning
  - Prevention
  - Partnership
  - Research
- Governing Board governments, employers and workers
- Network of 'focal points' in EU member states, candidate countries and EFTA. And with key organisations worldwide



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# Working conditions in agriculture

- Agriculture is one of the most hazardous sectors
- Non-fatal work-related accident rates are 1.7 times higher than average
- Number of fatal occupational accidents is 3 times higher than average
- Agriculture has poor record of occupational health compared with other sectors
- Workers in this sector are particularly exposed to ergonomic hazards
- Work related musculoskeletal problems are highly prevalent







# EU-OSHA work and information resources on musculoskeletal disorders

EU-OSHA has dedicated web pages on agriculture and musculoskeletal disorders in agriculture

- https://osha.europa.eu/en/sector/agriculture
- https://osha.europa.eu/en/sector/agriculture/msds

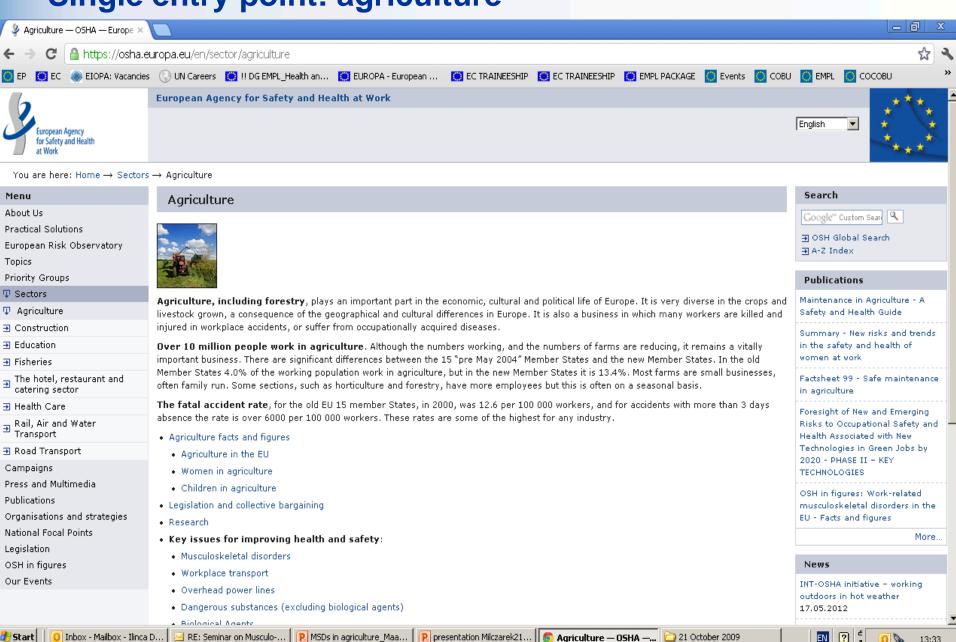
Lots of information going back more than 10 years, including relevant practical information.





# Single entry point: agriculture

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# Musculoskeletal disorders in agriculture

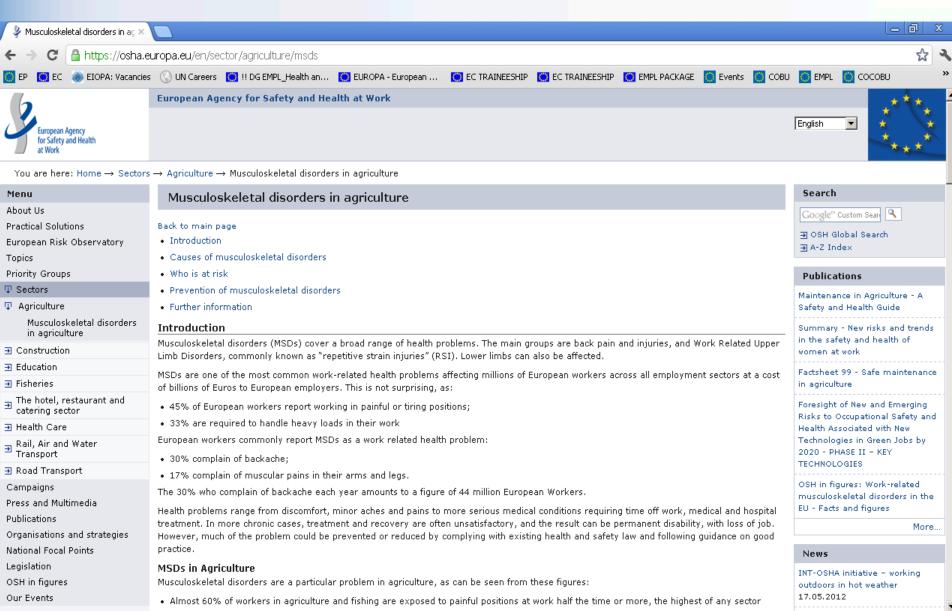
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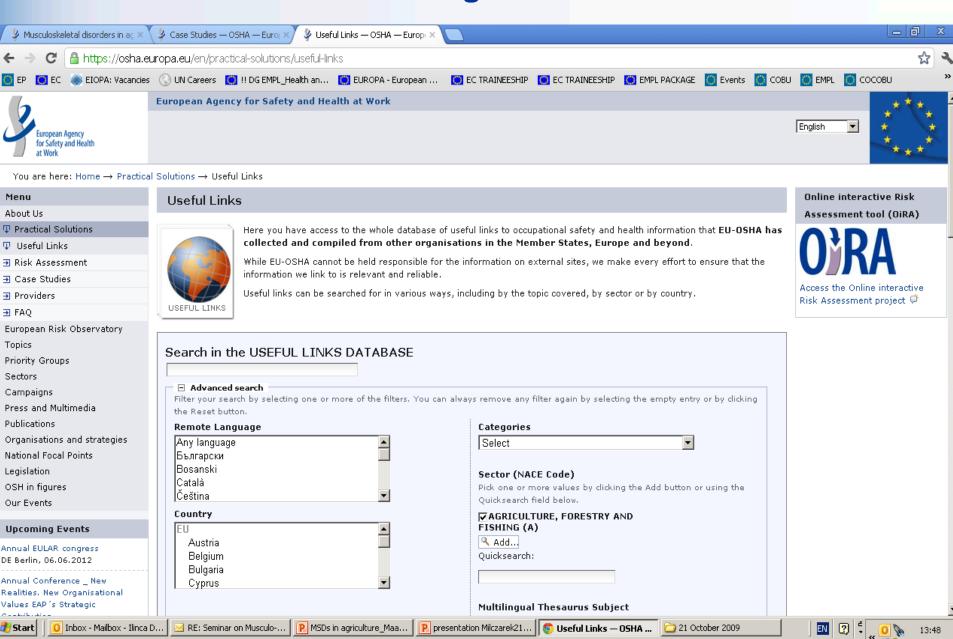
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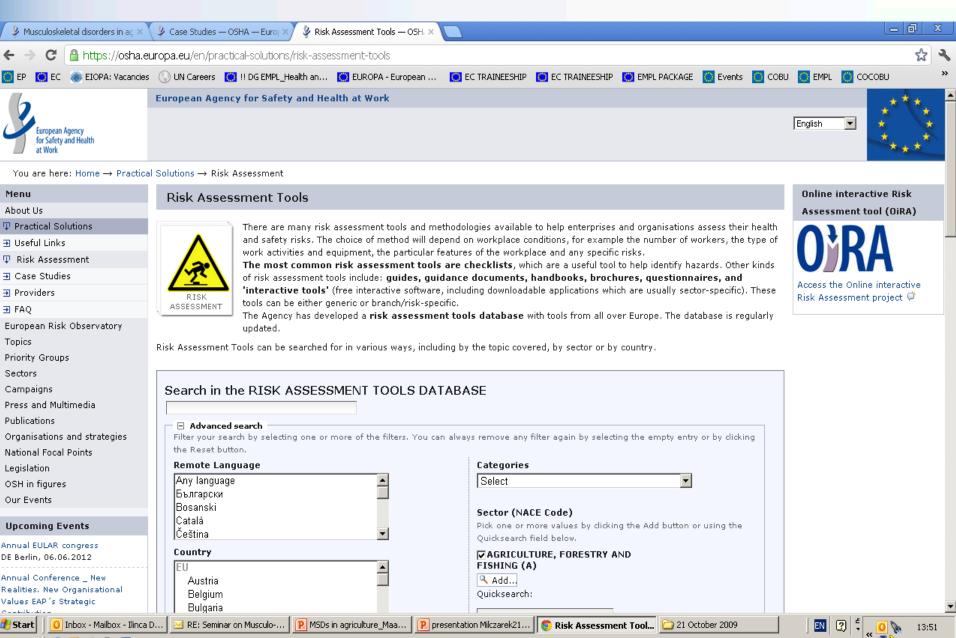
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# Collection of useful links: agriculture



# Collection of RA tools: agriculture





# Main EU-OSHA publications on work-related musculoskeletal disorders

- Maintenance in Agriculture A Safety and Health Guide (2011) https://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/reports/maintenance-in-agriculture-a-safety-and-health-guide
- Factsheet 99 Safe maintenance in agriculture (2011)
   https://osha.europa.eu/en/publications/factsheets/99
- OSH in figures: Work-related musculoskeletal disorders in the EU - Facts and figures (2010)

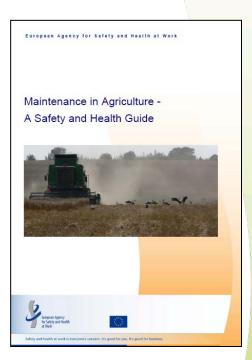
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### **Maintenance in Agriculture - A Safety and Health Guide**

- describes main hazards and risks associated with maintenance activities in agriculture
- most common causes of accidents and ill health.
- > provides:
  - advice on risk management,
  - examples of good practice in accident prevention
  - policies and campaigns at national level.
  - examples of checklists for safe maintenance in agriculture.





# Factsheet 99 – Safe maintenance in agriculture hazards



- mechanical hazards - machinery,
- electrical hazards or maintenance of electrical installations and equipment,
- thermal hazards;
- chemical hazards
- biological hazards
- ergonomic hazards
- working in confined spaces

- crushing, entanglement and highpressure fluid injection
- defective equipment, repair of broken electric fences
- use of welding or heating equipment, hot surfaces, hot fluids
- > use of pesticides, cleaning
- tanks, bins and silos, or fuel tanks
- slurry tanks, ditches and sewage infrastructure
- awkward postures, poorly designed tools



# Main EU-OSHA publications on work-related musculoskeletal disorders

 Summary - New risks and trends in the safety and health of women at work (2011)

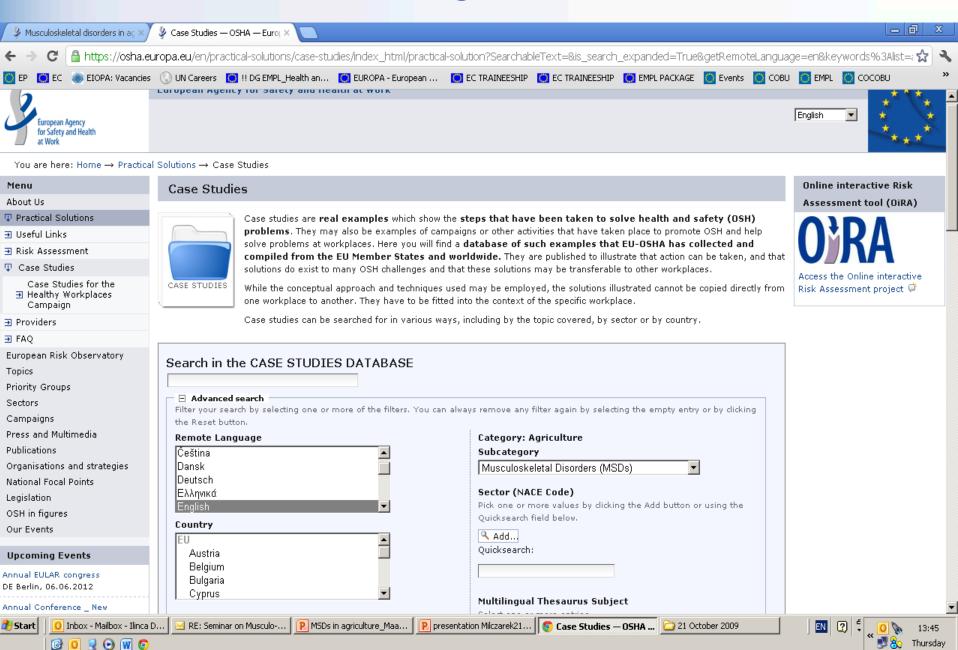
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Wide range of case studies on MSDs in agriculture



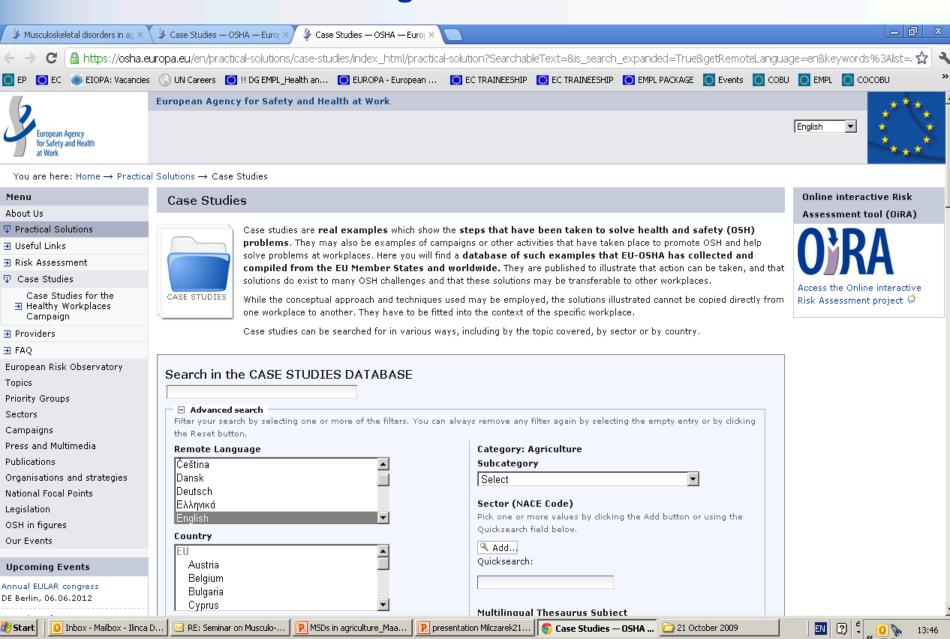


# Case studies on MSDs in agriculture



# Other case studies in agriculture

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# **EU-OSHA** publications

All material can be found on EU-OSHA website - http://osha.europa.eu

Publications (guides, factsheets, figures, case studies etc.) can be downloaded free

of charge

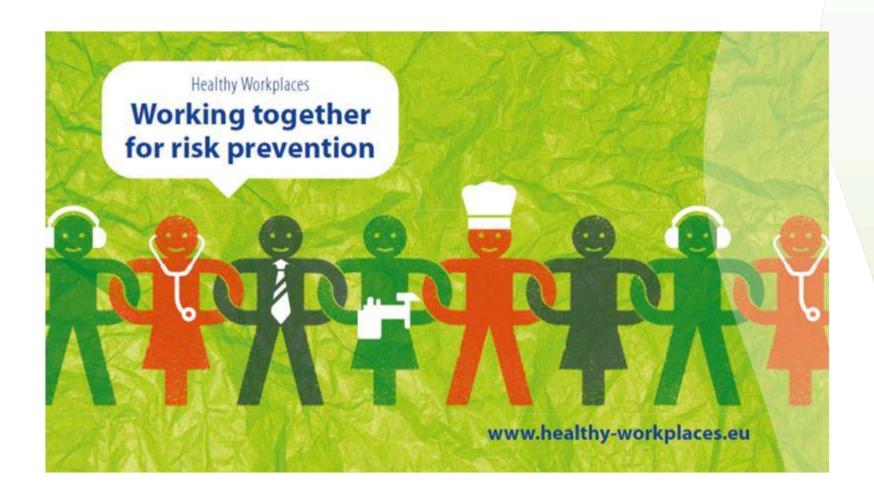






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# Working together for risk prevention. Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2012-13







# Campaign website www.healthy-workplaces.eu





# **Campaign launch**

20 April 2012





# What does prevention mean in practice?

- Managers and workers working together to prevent risks
- Managers and employers have primary responsibility
- However.... active worker participation is vital for success
- Benefits include fewer accidents and higher productivity
- Reduced costs to enterprises and society







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#### **Promotion material**

- Logo, slogan, poster
- Campaign website <u>www.healthy-workplaces.eu</u>
- Campaign Guide
- Campaign leaflet
- Good Practice Award Flyer
- NAPO DVDs and other audio-visual material
- PowerPoint presentations, internet banner, email-signature
- I-Pad application
- Give-aways







Working together

for risk prevention

www.healthy-workplaces.eu



# **European Good Practice Awards**

Outstanding and innovative good practice solutions towards encouraging managers and employees to actively work together to enhance workplace safety and health.

#### **Two-stage process**

- Selection procedure at national level
  - Collection of Good Practice examples at national level
  - Evaluation of examples at national level
  - Sending to the Agency
- European level evaluation

#### Time table: launch on 18 April 2012

- Publicity on Agency website web teasers
- Publicity at national MS level web teasers, mailshots, articles and features in media, etc.

#### Submission deadline to EU-OSHA: 31 October 2012





#### Timetable and milestones

2012

28 March EU partnership meeting

18 April Official Campaign launch & GPA Launch

Q3/4 Campaign promotion, including distribution of Campaign

information products

Q3/4 National partnership meetings organised by FOPs

18 Oct CY EU Presidency event "Working together for the future of

occupational safety and health in Europe"

CW 43 European Week for Safety and Health at Work

Q4 Planning of regional, local and sector focused activities

2013

Q1 Evaluation of European Good Practice Awards

22 April GPA Ceremony with Irish EU Presidency

Q2/3 Topic based activities; local and sector focus

CW 43 European Week for Safety and Health at Work

November Closing event with Lithuanian EU Presidency

2014

Q1 Reporting and evaluation





# **HWC 2012/13 Partnership offer**

•Build on success of HWC 2010/11 partnership model

You help us by get involved in the Campaign and we give you



# **HWC 2010/11 Official Campaign partners**











**EUROCOP** 











**AIR LIQUIDE** 



























Industrial Safety





















































# HWC 2012/13: get involved

#### YOU:

- disseminate information, Campaign material, press releases and news
- promote participation in European Good Practice Awards Competition
- provide Campaign information, news
- link to Campaign website / flash banner
- distribute posters, fact sheets, Good Practice Award flyer
- use Campaign PowerPoint presentations
- show Napo cartoon videos
- discuss the Campaign topics
- invite an Agency speaker or ask the Agency for an expert in your language



Healthy Workplaces

Working together for risk prevention





# **HWC 2012/3: Recognition**

### **Become an official Campaign partner!**







# **HWC 2012/13: Partnership offer**

#### WE

#### Give you recognition and promotion:

- Partner Certificate & Hand-over Ceremony
- Invitation to EU-OSHA events
- Comprehensive Agency promotion
- Partner web section
- Event web section
- News section (press release, OSHmail, etc.)
- Promotion to the media
- Online Communication platform
- Campaign Partner Welcome Pack







# How to become a Campaign partner?

#### **❖**Application criteria:

- 1. You are an <u>international or pan-European</u> organisation with a representation and/or network members in several EU member States.
- 2. You are willing and able to get **substantially involved** in the Campaign, meaning that **at a minimum**:
  - you will organise one Campaign related activity (e.g. conference, seminar, workshop or training);
  - you will give visibility to the Campaign on your corporate website;
  - and you will disseminate information about the Campaign within your own organisation/company and among your network partners and supply chain.

#### **❖2**<sup>nd</sup> round of applications:

- •October 2012
- •Selection process: November 2012
- •Notification of acceptance: December 2012





#### For any further questions, please get in touch with:

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# Thank you!

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