

Topic title: Promoting Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)

Brief description and main aims:

The EU sectoral social partners for the construction industry FIEC, representing the employers, and EFBWW (European Federation of Building and Wood Workers), representing the workers, have amongst their joint priorities the promotion of health and safety at the workplace.

In June 2018 FIEC and EFBWW adopted a joint statement: the EU Communication « Safer and Healthier Work for All – Modernisation of the EU Occupational Safety and Health Legislation and Policy » (COM(2017)12).

Why FIEC is dealing with this issue/topic and their objective(s):

Despite the overall reduction in the number of work-related accidents and illness, improving health and safety in the workplace continues to be a priority action for the construction sector and for FIEC.

We consider that : further efforts are needed in order to strengthen the implementation, compliance and enforcement of the EU legislation in a more coherent manner across the EU; it is important to review on a regular basis the EU OSH legislation whenever needed; the cooperation between Social Partners, inspectorates and prevention bodies, is of crucial importance in order to adequately take into account the sectoral specificities and needs; companies and workers need a legislative framework that is clear, stable, sustainable and proportionate, in order to be able to comply with their respective obligations.

Actions and key dates:

28/6/2018 – FIEC-EFBWW joint statement

