

Work-related deaths in the Nordic countries – Need for a new focus in OSH?

Helsinki, Finland & Online

1.10 – 2.10.2025

Note. The program is in EEST- Helsinki time

Day 1, 1.10.2025 Online & Onsite in Helsinki

09.30 *Coffee and registration (onsite participants)*

10.00 **Welcome (onsite and online)**

- Opening of seminar
Laura Rissanen, State Secretary to Minister, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
- Welcome notes
Joaquim Nunes, Chief, International Labour Organization
William Cockburn, Executive Director, EU-OSHA

10.30 **Main Theme Reports:
Work-related deaths in the Nordic countries**

- Introduction to the session
Wiking Husberg
- Background for the study on work-related deaths
Monica Seem, Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority
- Work today and in the future, Part three: Work-related fatalities in the Nordic countries
Jukka Takala, International Commission of Occupational Health (ICOH)
- Work-related deaths in Sweden
Bengt Järvholm, Department of Epidemiology and Global Health, Sweden
- A need for a new focus? Policy comments from an international organisation
Vibe Westh, EU-OSHA
- Comments from the Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
Raimo Antila, Finnish Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

Discussion and Q&A

12.00 *Lunch break*

13.00 Chemicals and Work-related deaths

- EU chemical occupational exposure limit (OEL) value setting – a tool to manage work-related diseases
Fabio Faraulo, Risk management policy team, EU EMPL.C.2
- The Finnish ASA chemical register and its role in the prevention of work-related cancer in Finland
Tiina Santonen, Finnish Institute of Occupational Health
- Time trends in occupational exposure to chemicals in Sweden
Per Gustavsson, Karolinska Institutet
- Upgrading of ILO Convention C 170 (chemicals),
Halshka Graczyk, International Labour Organization

Discussion and Q&A

14.45 Break**15.00 Work-related deaths and gender**

- Norwegian report: Women's Occupational Health
Monica Seem, Norwegian Labour Inspection Authority
- Gender segregation data on Work-related deaths from the Nordic countries,
Subas Neupane, Tampere University
- Gender perspectives and Work-related deaths
Vibe Westh, EU-OSHA
- Targeted preventive actions and gender conscious OSH-management in Sweden
Minke Wersäll, Swedish Work Environment Authority

Discussion and Q&A

16.30 Conclusion of the day

Jukka Takala,
Bengt Järvholm

18.30 Dinner at the Finlandia house (onsite participants)

Day 2, 2.10.2025
Only Onsite in Helsinki

9.00	Key reflections from Day 1 and introduction to Day 2
9.20	Developing Estimation Methods and Measuring Preventive Impact - How can we link impact of interventions to estimates? How can we prove that changes in approach/prevention have an impact? Jukka Takala & Bengt Järnholm - Norwegian LI OSH efforts in women dominated sectors, Monica Seem Discussion and Q&A
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	Parallel Working Groups Chemicals and Work-related deaths - Asbestos: past and future exposures, gendered burden - Occupational chemical exposure and disease risk - Gendered estimation of exposure outcomes - Expected outcomes: recommendations for OSH professionals and policymakers Moderated by: Jukka Takala & Bengt Järnholm Work-related deaths and gender - Gender-disaggregated data and risk profiles - Sector and task-specific examples - Priority areas for gender-sensitive prevention Key questions for discussion: inspection, legislation, training, and social dialogue. Moderated by: Vibe Westh, Minke Wersäll, Monica Seem & Subas Neupane
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30	Plenary Session: Report back from working groups Summary of findings and recommendations from subtheme discussions
14.20	How to improve fact sharing among OSH professionals - How to attract media attention Vibe Westh, Minke Wersäll & Monica Seem - Cost calculations with examples Jukka Takala
15.00	Coffee served with final reflections and recommendations
15.30	<i>Farewell</i>