

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

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can we link impact of interventions to estimates? How can we prove that changes in approach/prevention have an impact? Jukka Takala & Bengt Järholm Developing Estimation Methods, Measuring Preventive Impact and Practical Actions Monica Seem <p>Discussion and Q&A</p>
10.30	Coffee break
11.00	Parallel Working Groups <p>Chemicals and Work-related deaths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Led by: Jukka Takala, Bengt Järholm & Halshka Graczyk</p> <p>Work-related deaths and gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gender-disaggregated data and risk profiles Sector and task-specific examples Priority areas for gender-sensitive prevention <p>Key questions for discussion: inspection, legislation, training, and social dialogue.</p> <p>Led by: Vibe Westh, Minke Versäll, Monica Seem & Subas Neupane</p>
12.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30	Plenary Session: Report back from working groups Summary of findings and recommendations from subtheme discussions.
14.15	Discussion
15.00	Concluding Panel Final reflections and recommendations
15.30	<i>Farewell</i>