



Press Release

EuSalt becomes an official partner of EU-OSHA campaign: 'Healthy workplaces for all ages'.

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On the occasion of the EuSalt General Assembly held in Thessaloniki on 26th May 2016, Brenda O'Brien from EU-OSHA confirmed the acceptance of EuSalt's application as partner of the new campaign from EU-OSHA: 'Health workplace for all ages'. This is to support EuSalt members' efforts in bringing their commitment taken in 2014 when signing the EuSalt Safety Charter to reality by establishing and contributing to these shared values of Safety in Europe.

The salt sector thereby commits to create a safe working environment to help ensure the safety and welfare of all workers in the industry. Companies established to further encourage the spreading of best practices and their motto: 'safety as a value, not just a priority'. The first edition of the EuSalt Safety Award was organised on this occasion and saw six different companies participating: Salins group Compass Minerals, esco, Tata Chemicals, AkzoNobel and INEOS. Salins' presentation including of their 'Safety Chats' and Safety Ceremony Challenge Award took the prize home.

At the occasion of the General Assembly Brenda O'Brien from EU-OSHA presented the new campaign and main message: safe and healthy working conditions throughout the whole working life benefit not only workers and business but also society as a whole.

The campaign aims at promoting sustainable work and healthy ageing from the start of the working life, preventing health problems to workers, providing ways for employers and workers to manage occupational safety and health in the context of an ageing workforce, and encouraging the exchange of information and good practice.

This campaign starts from the fact that the European workforce is ageing, with retirement ages rising and working lives becoming longer. While working is good for physical and mental health, this goes hand in hand with a good management of occupational safety and health, even increasing productivity and efficiency. EuSalt Safety Award should now be organised every year as a way to promote safety in the salt sector.

EuSalt is the non-profit organisation representing the common interests of salt producers located across Europe. As the voice of the salt industry, our aim is to create an interactive platform and facilitate information exchange between the industry and European and international stakeholders.

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