

PressRelease

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No paper without skilled, healthy and safe people

Launch of the good health and safety practice report in the paper industry

Today, *CEPI* and *industriAll^{Europe}* launched a good practice report on health and safety in the European paper industry at a conference in Germany. *CEPI* – the Confederation of European Paper Industries – and *industriAll^{Europe}* – the European Trade Union Federation – worked jointly on this new report compiling a set of 22 exemplary practices that were collected from members under the auspices of the paper sector social dialogue, funded with the support of the European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.

“In both our organisations - *CEPI* and *industriAll^{Europe}* - we believe in the merits of awareness raising and sharing experiences. We hope that this report will be one of the reference tools for health and safety managers in the European paper industry. It should contribute to the indispensable effort to reduce health and safety risks at work in the sector on the route to “zero accidents”, said Teresa Presas, *CEPI* Director General.

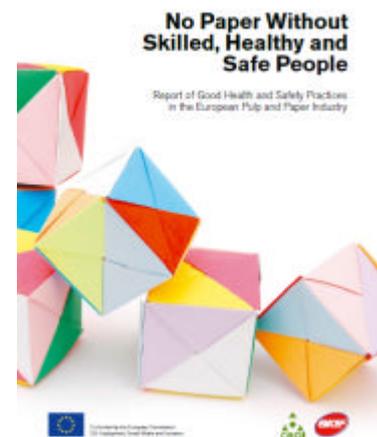
The good practice report addresses different types of pulp and/or paper mills and the health and safety issues they may carry, as well as various kinds of activities (daily operation, transport and handling, maintenance) and can in most cases be adapted and transposed. The good practices included in the report are not exhaustive, but the report paves the way to identify more practices to be shared. It also illustrates the benefits of constructive co-operation towards a common goal.

“Producing pulp and paper in Europe requires the use of a wide range of resources, of which ‘people’ are the most important”, mentioned Jorma Rusanen from *industriAll^{Europe}* in his presentation. “We both - *industriAll^{Europe}* and *CEPI* - invite our members to use and discuss the proposed practices. We also invite other industries to read the report and adapt the good practices to their own circumstances.”

This report is part of the EU-OSHA campaigns towards healthier and safer workplaces. It will be distributed to all pulp and paper mills in Europe.

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Note to the Editor

Link good practice report: <http://www.cepi.org/publications/socialaffairs/GoodpracticesEN>

Conference webpage: <http://hspaper.eventbrite.com>



EU-OSHA campaigns:

<http://www.healthy-workplaces.eu/en/>

Social Dialogue: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=480&langId=en>

CEPI aisbl - The Confederation of European Paper Industries



The Confederation of European Paper Industries (CEPI) is a Brussels-based non-profit making organisation regrouping the European pulp and paper industry and championing this industry's achievements and the benefits of its products.

Its collective expertise provides a unique source of information both for and on the industry; coordinating essential exchanges of experience and knowledge among its members, and with the industry stakeholders. Through its 18 member countries (17 European Union members plus Norway) CEPI represents some 520 pulp, paper and board producing companies across Europe, ranging from small and medium sized companies to multi-nationals, and 1000 paper mills. Together they represent 25% of world production.

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industriAll – European Trade Union / EMCEF



Three European Industry Federations, namely EMCEF (the European Mine, Chemical and Energy Workers' Federation), EMF (the European Metalworkers' Federation) and ETUF:TCL (the European Trade Union Federation Textiles, Clothing and Leather) created a new and stronger European trade union

organisation that started operating in June 2012: industriAll – European Trade Union. industriAll Europe represents 7.1 million workers in industry and manufacturing jobs at European level. EMCEF used to organise 2.2 million blue and white-collar workers in companies in 35 countries and 131 national trade unions.

industriAll Europe is a member of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and co-operates with 9 other European Industry Federations in the ETUC. industriAll Europe also works with the IndustriAll Global Union which represents 50 million workers in 140 countries in the mining, energy and manufacturing sectors and is a new force globally taking up the fight for better working conditions and trade union rights around the world.

industriAll Europe promotes social dialogue in an enlarged Europe and represents 11 sectoral social dialogue committees: Paper, Chemical, Electricity, Extractive Industries, Gas, Textile & Clothing, Foodwear, Tanning/Leather, Shipbuilding, Metal and Steel, and in addition the cross-sectoral NEPSI. It also has a long-standing record in creating and co-ordinating European Works Councils. With over five hundred EWCs in all its sectors, industriAll Europe has been extremely active in shaping this particularly important element of the European social dialogue.

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