



**Development Of Structures For Dissemination Of Good Practice In The Field Of Workplace Health Promotion In The Acceding And The Applicant Countries  
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**DRAGON FLY - Round Table Series**

**Cyprus/ Lefcosia, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**For all its Members States ENWHP aims at developing supportive national infrastructures for WHP. In order to initiate this process in all of the Accession and Applicant Countries (AAC) the network has started a series of “roundtable-meetings”. These events, which encompass representatives from businesses, politics, health experts and other stakeholders, are part of the network ambition to improve the dissemination of good workplace health practices and policies in these countries. The third roundtable of a series of seven was held in Cyprus, Lefcosia.**

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The host's, Dr. Athanasios Athanasiou, presentation

20 participants gathered at the session to discuss the future development of the Workplace health promotion in Cyprus. Among them there were present all the key social partners, namely: representatives of the Department of Labour Inspection of the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance which

is responsible among others for the implementation of safety and health legislation at workplace, representative of the Social Insurance Department of the same Ministry, representatives of the employers, such as: Employers and Industrialists Federation Cyprus, Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and many representatives of the employees' side: from Cyprus Worker's Confederation, Pancyprian Federation of Labour, Democratic Labour Federation of Cyprus, Pancyprian Public Employees Trade Union, Cyprus Union of Bank Employees. Also many players from the scientific and providers arena took part in the meeting, including: Cyprus Medical Association, Cyprus International Institute for the Environment and Public Health, Cyprus Safety and Health Association and Scientific Technical Chamber of Cyprus.

The meeting was chaired by the Director of the Department of Labour Inspection Mr Leandros Nicolaidis, who begun by introducing everybody at the table.

The first meeting part of the session was devoted to presenting the concept of workplace health promotion (WHP) and activities of the ENWHP **by Mr Reinhold Sochert**. After that **Ms Patrycja Wo-**



**Wojtaszczyk** explained in detail the structure of the Dragon – Fly project and activities planned in EN WHP initiatives to facilitate enlargement of the Network.

### Learning from each other



Health experts round the table

Examples of experiences of the acceding and applicant

countries in building national forums for WHP were presented by **Mr Theodor Haratau**, (national contact for Romania), followed by Ms Patrycja Wojtaszczyk.

The status quo of WHP in Cyprus was presented on the basis of the analysis carried out in the Dragon – fly project by **Mr Athanasios Athanasiou**. He also presented a SWOT analysis of the situation in Cyprus.

### Next steps for building WHP infrastructure in Cyprus

The country is at the very beginning of building the legal framework for occupational health and there is an opportunity to introduce appropriate measures for development of WHP into the currently prepared infrastructure on Occupational Health.

All the attendees agreed that there is a need to offer support to companies that want to introduce WHP. One of the suggested solutions was using the already existing strong tripartite body for this purpose.

The project “*Development Of Structures For Dissemination Of Good Practice In The Field Of Workplace Health Promotion In The Acceding And The Applicant Countries*”, in short: **Dragon-Fly**, is coordinated by the **Polish Nofer Institute**. The Network began in 2004 to develop a framework for cooperation between relevant stakeholders of the applicant countries and the current Member States. After having established national contact offices in Cyprus, Estonia, Malta, Lithuania, Latvia, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, the network analyses the current situation with regards to strategies, policies & practices for promoting workplace health in 12 AAC countries. **For more information contact:**

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### Next Workshops to be held:

Slovenia: December 9,  
Estonia: December 19,  
Latvia: January 13,