



**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

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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 develops 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 forth roundtable of a series of seven was held in Ljubljana/ Slovenia.

Ljubljana, Dec. 9th --- Around 20 participants gathered at the session to discuss the future development of the workplace health



Health experts listen to one of the presentations

promotion in Slovenia. Among them there were present all the key social partners such as representatives of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education and Sport,

Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Labour Inspectorate, Public Health Institutes, Insurance Company, Preventive Medicine Section, Family Medicine Society, various associations and chambers (namely: Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of Craft, Employers Association) and two big Slovenian enterprises (namely: Istrabenz plini d.o.o. and Krka d.d.). The meeting was followed by the journalist of the major Slovenian daily Delo.

The meeting was chaired by three following representatives of the Clinical Institute of Occupational, Traffic and Sports Medicine (University Medical Centre Ljubljana) being the National Contact Office of EN WHP: **Metoda Dodič Fikfak**- the head of the Institute, **Eva Stergar** and **Tanja Urdih Lazar**- from the workplace health promotion unit.

The round-table meeting began by introducing everybody. It was followed by **Metoda’s Dodič Fikfak** presentation about the holistic approach towards occupational health. Next part of the session was devoted to explaining the concept of workplace health promotion (WHP) and activities of the ENWHP by



Gregor Breucker from BKK, Germany. After that two representatives of Nofer Institute of Occupational Medicine, Poland: **Patrycja Wojtaszczyk** and **Eliza Iwanowicz** explained in detail the structure of the “Dragon – Fly Project” and shared with all participants Polish experiences in co-operation with EN WHP and developing the national forum on whp. Then it was the turn for Slovenian presentations. **Eva Stergar** summed up the status-quo of Slovenian whp, mainly focusing on the data gathered during the survey carried out among the representative sample of 5500 Slovenian managers. Then, **Tanja Urdih Lazar** described the possible ways of developing the national network for workplace health promotion in Slovenia.

SWOT analysis

These presentations were a great introduction to the SWOT analysis concerning the development of Slovenian forum for workplace health promotion. Participants pointed various strengths such as: “Fit for Work Project” (focused on developing the manual on whp and training people responsible for introducing whp activities in enterprises); and collaboration with EN WHP (taking part in its initiatives). As far as weaknesses are concerned, participants were mostly complaining about lack of national strategy on public health and deficiency of trainings and legal obligations in the field of whp. Opportunities are mostly connected with “Fit for Work Project” that has got a firm source of financing, which guarantees the development of the concept of Slovenian

forum for whp; and enterprises willingness to implement health promotion activities. Furthermore, difficulties in defining professionals who may play the role of whp specialist are mostly considered as threats to developing Slovenian forum for whp.

Next steps for building WHP infrastructure in Slovenia

The round-table meeting in Ljubljana was a success since:



Dr. Gregor Breucker's presentation

- participants expressed the need to create a national forum for whp at two levels: the first should be consisted of representatives of scientific institutions, Slovenian authorities, and other central organisations; whereas the second one ought to gather professionals implementing whp activities in enterprises and representatives of companies active in this field
- all the attendees agreed to meet with each other at least once a year to exchange their experiences and to share the outcomes of their achievements
- Slovenian NCO expressed the desire to stimulate, consult and supervise all these activities leading to the development of the strong Slovenian forum for whp.



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 co-ordinated by the **Polish Nofer Institute**. The Network began in 2004 to develop a framework for co-operation 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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