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GLOSSARY

CARSAT	Caisse d'assurance retraite et de la santé au travail/ Retirement and Occupational Health Insurance Fund
CGSS	Caisse générale de sécurité sociale / Overseas Health Insurance Fund
CNAMTS	Caisse nationale de l'assurance maladie des travailleurs salariés / National Health Insurance Fund for Employees
DRP	Direction des risques professionnels / Occupational Risks Department
INRS	Institut national de recherche et de sécurité pour la prévention des AT/MP / National Research and Safety Institute for the prevention of occupational injuries
OH&S	Occupational Health and Safety

The **OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BRANCH** implements a risk management policy for employees under the general Social Security regime (industry, trade and services) via three complementary roles: prevention, compensation and risk premium rating.

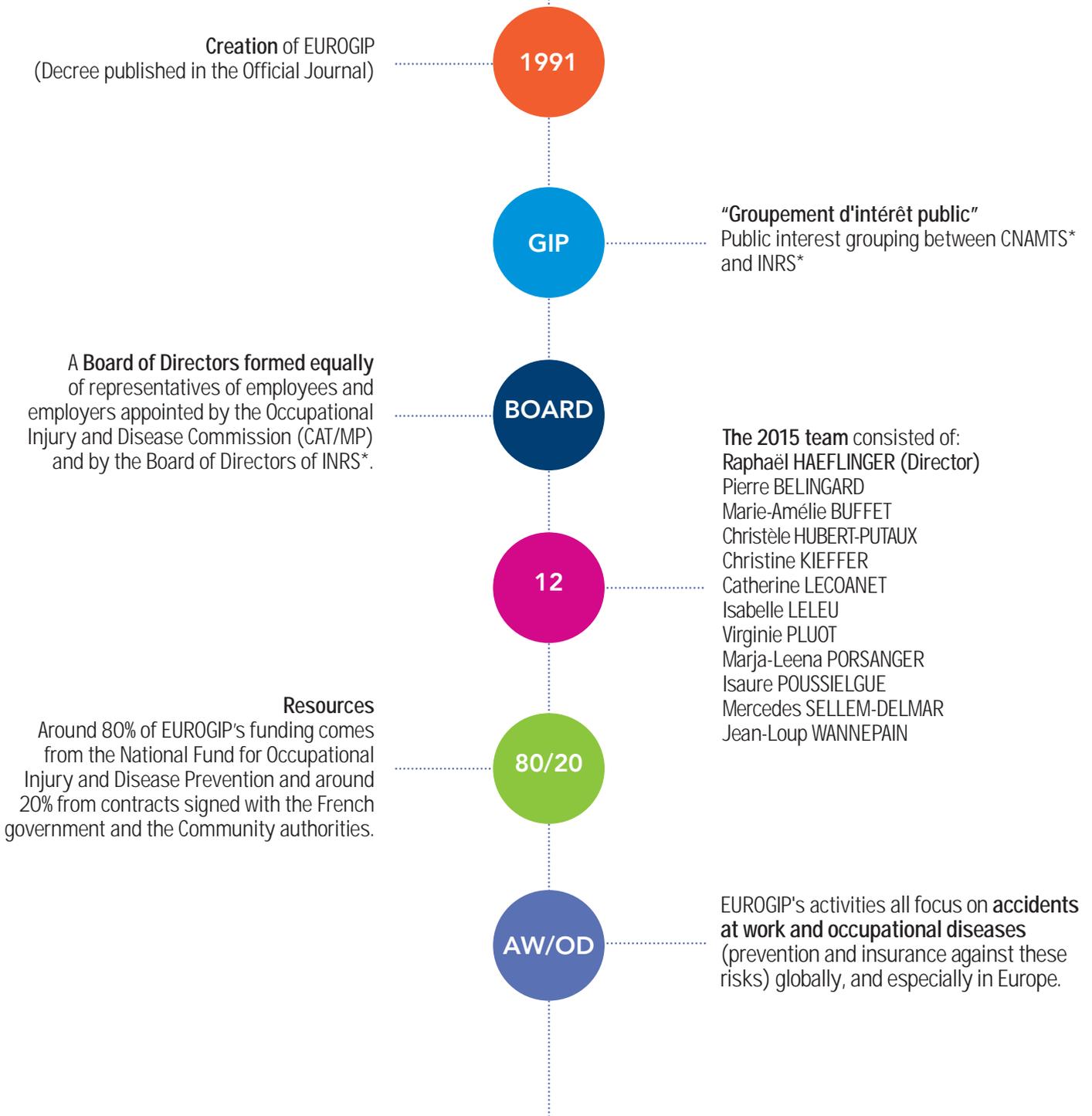
It comprises:

- the Occupational Risks Department (DRP) (in CNAMTS);
- INRS;
- EUROGIP;
- the prevention and risk premium rating services of the CARSAT funds (French regions) and the CGSS funds (in French overseas "départements" and territories);
- the sections in charge of examining occupational injury cases and paying compensation to victims in the primary health insurance funds (CPAM) and CGSS;
- the medical department.

In all the document, * refers to this glossary

BETTER KNOWING EUROGIP

EUROGIP IN SHORT



A RELAY FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BRANCH* IN EUROPE AND GLOBALLY

EUROGIP, established as part of the Occupational Injuries Branch, has the following roles in particular:

- Performing a European and global **monitoring** on the various aspects of occupational injuries (prevention, recognition, compensation, technological or financial statistics, etc.) and on OH&S standardization;
- Performing **surveys** on subjects coming within its competency, at the request of its founding members (CNAMTS-DRP/INRS*), when mandated by the European Forum of Insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases or depending on new developments;
- Conducting **information** campaigns on current or planned work and activities at the level of Community authorities, the other Member States or internationally, on topics within its mission;
- Improving knowledge of the Occupational Injuries Branch* among Community authorities and, more generally, conducting **communication** campaigns on the French, European and global levels;
- Initiating and developing **exchanges** in the fields within its mission, notably with insurance and occupational injury prevention organizations on the European or global levels;
- In the area of **occupational safety and health standards**:
 - Monitoring, coordinating and leading the work of the experts of the Occupational Injuries Branch*, and acting for this Branch as the single contact point for standardization offices;
 - Providing these experts with all the assistance they need to efficiently perform their mission and optimizing their participation by financing certain work or enrolments in standardization committees;
 - Developing procedures for work with national, European and international partners;
 - Acquiring standards that are useful for risk prevention and making them available to the Occupational Injuries Branch;
- Replying to invitations to tender and carrying out assignments within the framework of **projects of Community interest** coming within its area of competence;
- Providing the secretariat for the **Coordination of notified bodies** for the regulatory certification of machinery and personal protective equipment (under the authority of the French Ministries of Labour and Agriculture).

“FUTURE-LOOKING, A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION IN EUROPE”



PATRICK NÉRON
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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND THE VICE-CHAIR

“ The founding of EUROGIP, on the eve of the opening of the Single European Market, reflected the will of the French OH&S insurance organization* to know and understand what the Community stimulus in the area of occupational risk prevention would change in its roles, and to keep the personnel of the relevant organizations informed of this.

About 25 years later, EUROGIP still has this strong mission of monitoring and information. But it also performs complementary activities which make it a unique organization in Europe. Not that these activities are unique, because they appear on the programme of numerous organizations in Europe. But EUROGIP's founding members wanted to group them together, not only to achieve economies of scale, but to create a real synergy between standardization, regulatory certification, benchmarks, studies, communication, projects of Community interest, etc.

At present, on the back of this synergy between various types of expertise, the Group can claim to work increasingly on subjects which are crucial for the future. This concerns dossiers opened by the Occupational Risks Department, such as serious occupational injury case management or corporate risk premium ratings. This also concerns dossiers opened at the European level, or even the global level. Regarding this, it may be mentioned that EUROGIP represents the Occupational Injuries Branch* in work for the production of the 45001 standard relating to Occupational Health and Safety Management which will permanently impact the field of standardization over the coming years.

Here we should like to thank the whole team which, spurred on by its director, has been able to develop activities to make EUROGIP a unique organization in Europe, which, while preserving its original “raison d'être”, is future-looking. ”

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HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR ACTIVITY IN 2015

PRODUCING BENCHMARKS

RISK PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS

The equivalent of French risk prevention recommendations abroad

Because the experience of some can be useful for the others, EUROGIP has performed research on documents similar to French national occupational risk prevention recommendations in the other European countries. These documents define and group together good occupational risk prevention practice relating to an activity. They constitute as it were "good practice rules" proposed for those in the industry.

The research has proved, as is the case in France, that the OH&S* insurers of several European countries have felt the need to supplement the regulatory approach with more technical documents for each branch of activity to help employers prevent occupational risks. These documents sometimes constitute a supplement to the standards, especially the harmonized standards, compliance with which confers a presumption of conformity with the health and safety requirements of the European directives for product design. To nurture the thinking of the social partners sitting in

the National Technical Committees (CTNs), for example, EUROGIP has established a database of about 3,100 equivalent texts in seven countries: Germany, Austria, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Luxembourg and Switzerland. More specifically, EUROGIP has performed research and forwarded to the CTNs summaries in French of various German documents on the following subjects:

- Use of styrene in plastic products manufacturing and shipbuilding activities
- Prevention of mechanical risks when using paper and cardboard machines
- Prevention of risks of crushing related to the design, use and maintenance of sliding main gates in manual mode
- Bungalows/caravans/construction camps.

As part of exchanges of information with its foreign partners, EUROGIP has also translated French recommendations into English.

TOPICAL NEWS

Process of revision of the lists of occupational diseases in six European countries

EUROGIP reviewed the various stages of the process of revision of the national lists of occupational diseases in six European countries: Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom. The report published in early 2016 discusses the following aspects: the initiative for revision, the existence of prerequisites, the expertise of the members of the ad hoc committee, the role of the social partners, frequency of revisions, the body responsible for the final

decision, and the diseases/exposures concerned by the most recent revisions. Although these processes clearly have some common features, there is no "European model" for revision. Each process has its specific characteristics, which are related to national choices for the coverage of occupational diseases.

http://eurogip.fr/images/pdf/Note_EUROGIP111F_Revision-listesMP.pdf

Tools for evaluation of permanent disability in other countries

Within the framework of the announced establishment of a Commission for revision of the indicative disability scales for occupational injuries and diseases which appear in an appendix to the "Code de la Sécurité Sociale" (French Social Security Code), EUROGIP has drawn up a memorandum which presents a non-exhaustive overview of the way in which permanent disability is evaluated and compensated by insurers in other European countries.

Two approaches underpin the compensation of permanent damage in Europe: separate compensation for

occupational and physiological harm versus overall compensation for the permanent disability. Depending on the type of damage liable for compensation, there is a variety of tools and methods required for their evaluation. Although scales or indicative scales exist everywhere, they do not have the same form or the same purpose, which makes them hard to compare. The memorandum ultimately proposes assessing the application of these evaluation tools by performing a study of two concrete cases of permanent disability. (Memorandum forthcoming in 2016)

REPORTING OF OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES IN EUROPE

Reporting of occupational diseases: Issues and good practices in five European countries

The report entitled "Reporting of occupational diseases: Issues and good practices in five European countries" was published at the start of the year. It first outlines the procedures for reporting of occupational diseases and then the statistics (2011) regarding reporting and recognition of the main diseases in the countries studied: musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), hearing loss, dermatitis and cancers. The second part deals with failings of OD reporting systems as analysed at the national level by the competent organizations. Finally, successfully experimented solutions to improve reporting are listed. Among these solutions, the Danish initiative involves cross-checking the computer files coming from the Cancer Register and from the occupational injury insurer. A 50% increase in the number of claims for recognition of certain cancers was noted following the implementation of this system.

In France, a regional experiment aims to search proacti-

vely for persons affected by work-related tumours of the bladder using data from the health insurance organization. The number of claims for recognition increased by a factor of 4.6 in the two years following the start of the programme, and the number of cases recognized as occupational diseases also increased.

In Italy (Brescia province), there is the case of a hospital which searches for cases of work-related lung tumours based on the cases that it diagnoses and treats. The recognition rate increased to 38% in this province, versus 23% at the national level.

In Spain (region of Valencia), the SISVEL software program can alert doctors faced with a patient having a diagnostic corresponding to one of the 75 categories of diseases that it currently contains and which could be of work-related origin. About 30% of OD cases recognized in the region were recognized thanks to the use of the software.

http://www.eurogip.fr/images/documents/3933/Report_DeclarationMP_EUROGIP_102EN.pdf


 SHARING
KNOWLEDGE

THE 2015 EUROGIP DISCUSSIONS

"Europe and occupational safety and health: What achievements? What outlook?"

The Single European Act was decisive in the area of occupational safety and health (OH&S). Around 30 years after its enactment, it seemed a good idea to find out what were the achievements in this area but also the challenges to be taken up. The EUROGIP Discussions of 19 March 2015 reviewed the Community drive in OH&S, with a focus on its repercussions in France, and on the strategic approaches and tools developed in Europe to face the challenges of tomorrow.

In particular, there was discussion of the new EU strategic framework for occupational safety and health for the period 2014-2020, and the challenges to be taken up: economic crisis, emerging risks, population ageing, occupational safety and health management, etc. In terms of strategies, the various approaches described often referred to the need to develop a workplace safety culture. In Germany, the DGUV has

for some years now applied its "Zero Vision" strategy, which tends not to accept serious and fatal accidents. In the UK, the philosophy adopted in the past 40 years has been to try to change the behaviour of those people who create risks. In France, the CARSAT* Alsace-Moselle gave a reminder of how important it is to be able to obtain support from management to better prevent risks.

The EUROGIP Discussions, held annually since 2003, aim to express a European viewpoint regarding a topical issue and to facilitate exchanges between stakeholders. Note that a representative of an occupational injury insurance organization in the United States expressed an interesting view on the situation in Europe and the significant differences between American and European practices.

The proceedings of the EUROGIP Discussions were published in June 2015 (in French).

Proceedings in French at http://eurogip.fr/images/documents/3847/Actes_DebatsEUROGIP2015_UE_SST.PDF
Summary in English at http://www.eurogip.fr/images/Debats/IntroEN-Actes_DebatsEUROGIP2015_UE_SST.pdf

5th EUROSHNET CONFERENCE

"Improving the quality of working life - A challenge for standardization, testing and certification"

This was the theme of the fifth conference held by the Euroshnet network. This network aims to facilitate exchanges between experts working in OH&S organizations in order to define joint positions on issues relating to standardization, certification, testing and the associated research.

EUROGIP is one of its founding members. It is a member of the Steering Committee and the permanent secretariat. In 2015, activity was focused on the preparation and holding in October of the fifth EUROSHNET conference on the theme of "Improving the quality of working life - A challenge for standardization, testing and certification".

About 150 European experts took part in this highly

interactive event. They were able to discuss their viewpoints on three main themes: product safety; workplaces; the 6 instruments making it possible to combine product safety and workplaces: standardization, certification, market surveillance, research, regulations and cooperation.

National ministries, OH&S organizations, employers' and employees' organizations, the European Commission and enterprises thus had an opportunity to share their views on possibilities for improving the quality of working life and the future challenges that OH&S personnel will have to meet.

<http://www.euroshnet-conference.eu/welcome.html>

MONITORING AND NEW PUBLICATIONS

Main subjects of interest and new publications in 2015

The monitoring performed by EUROGIP nurtures its work and enables it to answer the questions put to it. In 2015, some subjects were monitored in particular: The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA), the new regulation relating to personal protective equipment which replaces the directive, the ISO 45001 draft standard, occupational cancers, job burn-out, work in open spaces, psychosocial risks (PSRs), medical surveillance of workers, etc. Furthermore, the theme of MSDs aroused numerous questions: Do foreign good practices exist that could be applied in France? Who are the main persons involved with MSD issues in the other EU countries: ergonomists, industrial doctors, etc.?

As regards publications, apart from reports on topical issues for the Occupational Injuries Branch, EUROGIP published the following documents:

- "Reporting of occupational diseases: Issues and good practices in five European countries".
- Proceedings of the EUROGIP Discussions of 19 March 2015: "Europe and occupational safety and health: What achievements? What outlook?"
- "Statistical Review of Occupational Injuries, France, 2014 data"

- "TTIP and potential impact on OH&S insurance"
- "Occupational risk insurance in Poland".

Furthermore, new reference documents regarding French, European and international standardization were placed online (see section About EUROGIP>Our activities > Standardization).

"Eurogip infos", dedicated to news on occupational risks in Europe, comprises both a platform - where articles can be consulted as they are placed online - and a monthly newsletter available in French and English (www.eurogip.fr).

In a different vein, the Standards WebPort portal, produced in partnership with the French Ministries of Labour and Agriculture and published by AFNOR, makes available to the Branch's personnel and the social partners more than 3,100 published standards on health, safety and working conditions. It is updated each year with the new standards published (2,000 new pages per year on average), and each quarter in the case of amendments to or revisions of standards already present in the database.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPEECHES

Presenting our work and speaking about subjects on which we are competent

Given the work it performs and also its expertise on the subject of occupational injuries and diseases in Europe, EUROGIP is called on to give speeches or take part in certain work. In 2015, for example, in various registers, EUROGIP:

- presented an overview of occupational injury and disease insurance in Europe during a trade union training session for a retailing group;
- contributed to updating the "risk prevention guidelines" of the International Social Security

Association and revision of the Guide for application of the 2006/42/EC Machinery directive;

- met the interministerial representative for standards and Assistant Director in the Directorate General for the Competitiveness of Manufacturing and Services in France and proposed information on the link between OH&S and national standardization policy as part of the preparation of future French standardization policy.


 ASSERTING
A JOINT
POSITION

STANDARDIZATION COORDINATION

Coordinating the network of "standardization" experts of the Occupational Injuries Branch*

One of EUROGIP's fundamental activities is the coordination of work in which experts of the Occupational Injuries Branch take part to produce OH&S standards. In 2015, 74 experts (CARSAT: 20, INRS: 52 and EUROGIP: 2) took part in 63 European and international Technical Committees (44 TCs of CEN-CENELEC and 16 ISO-IEC) and 146 active European and international working groups. Depending on the subjects and the expert's availability, this ranges from mere monitoring to regular participation in meetings, which makes it possible - and that is the objective - to assert the Occupational Injuries Branch's viewpoint on occupational risk prevention in a European or international standard.

The Branch's experts break down among the following sectors: Physical environments and workplaces, including ergonomics (23); Safety of work equipment (machinery, construction machinery, lifting and handling equipment) (32); Personal and collective protection (9); New and/or cross-cutting issues (5); Building products (8).

Unlike in previous years, the assignments performed on the European and international levels were more numerous and especially longer than meetings on the French level: 22 meetings for a total of 80 days. This

can be explained by the increased number of ISO subjects (OH&S Management Systems, airport equipment and luggage processing) and the increasing participation of the OH&S Network of the Occupational Injuries Branch in strategic standardization bodies.

Note the provision of a number of tools to help the experts in their work, such as the "Normabase" database, Norm'Actions (the "who does what" in standardization in the Branch), subscriptions to linguistic reviews and training in French, European and international standardization systems for new experts.

Also note that EUROGIP is the single contact point for the standardization offices for all participation in standardization by the Occupational Injuries Branch.

To maintain an OH&S presence in standardization work on the "Safety of Machinery", EUROGIP has paid the annual membership rights of 37 experts in 23 standardization committees or groups managed by mechanical engineering standardization association UNM (Union de Normalisation de la Mécanique).

Likewise, EUROGIP funded the annual membership rights of 43 experts in 27 AFNOR standardization committees and of 6 experts in 6 committees managed by AFNOR-DELEC for the electrotechnologies sector.

STANDARDIZATION ENQUIRIES

Follow-up of the enquiry procedure on draft OH&S standards in the Occupational Injuries Branch

EUROGIP coordinates enquiries on draft standards relating to OH&S with the goal of expressing a collective opinion in the name of the Occupational Injuries Branch, which will have more weight in the negotiations. This procedure of internal consultation on draft standards submitted for enquiry, in which around 600 people were involved, enabled the Occupational Injuries Branch to issue:

- 14 opinions on drafts relating to the safety of work equipment (machinery, construction machinery, lif-

ting and handling equipment);

- 3 opinions in the field of physical environments and workplaces, including ergonomics.

As they had requested, the documentation departments of the CARSAT* and INRS* received all these draft standards, which represents a total circulation of around 685 copies in the Network.

This activity of coordination of the viewpoints of OH&S experts is greatly appreciated by EUROGIP's partners.

ISO 45001: "OH&S MANAGEMENT"

Participation in international standardization work on occupational health and safety management systems

The Occupational Injuries Branch decided to take part in the work of writing an international standard, ISO 45001: "Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems - Requirements with guidance for use".

It is important for it to maintain its participation on the international level (ISO PC283 WG1) and the French level (AFNOR standardization committee X82A) to ensure that the draft is in accordance with its major OH&S principles, but also with European directives and ILO guidelines. It is EUROGIP and INRS that represent the Branch in the various meetings.

In addition to the proactive improvement of occupational safety and health, this international standard aims to strengthen the alignment between ISO management system standards and facilitate their implementation in organizations wanting to practise "integrated management", combining quality (ISO 9000), environment (ISO 14001) and safety (ISO 45001).

Work relating to OH&S*, started in 2013 under the leadership of the British Standards Institute (BSI), is partly based on the certification reference document BS OHSAS 18001 : 2007 on OH&S management systems, but also, and increasingly, on the International Labour Organization guide ILO-OHS 2001: "Guidelines on Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems".

Work of coordination between European OH&S personnel was carried out notably between the German and French delegates, who met in Brussels to discuss the work, clear up misunderstandings and harmonize their viewpoints.

Following two internal enquiries in the ISO and numerous French and international meetings, the draft standard has reached a sufficient level of international consensus to be subjected to a "DIS" (Draft International Standard) public enquiry in the first half of 2016, which points to a publication in 2017.

STANDARDIZATION STRATEGY

Exerting influence in strategic standardization bodies

EUROGIP has strengthened its capability for weighing - on behalf of the Occupational Injuries Branch* - on the normative consensus and influencing standardization strategy.

The aim is to assert the French viewpoint at the European level, and the OH&S viewpoint in standards. It therefore takes part in the strategic bodies in which the main guidelines of OH&S standardization programmes are decided on: AFNOR's OH&S and "management and services" Strategic Policy Committee, the European strategic advisory body for occupational health and safety standards (CEN SABOHS) and the European "Advisory Nucleus" committee for machinery. In 2015 EUROGIP also joined AFNOR's "Professional organizations benchmark", which allows an exchange of good practices between standardization coordinators.

For example, EUROGIP was able to contribute to a better allowance for OH&S in the draft French standardi-

zation strategy on the 2018 horizon produced by the French committee for the coordination and management of standardization (CCPN). Likewise, the French OH&S viewpoint on risk was raised in the "Advisory Nucleus" committee for machinery to have amendments made to a draft contravening European principles in this area (ISO TR 22100 explaining the link between the basic machinery design standard and standards specific to a group of machinery or a machine). These contributions were also an opportunity to stress to the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) and the European Commission the essential role of the New Approach consultants in the quality of the Harmonized Standards.

Lastly, a large quantity of information shared in these European and French bodies made it possible to ensure efficient monitoring and information in the Occupational Injuries Branch with regard to standardization.

“PPE” COORDINATION

French Coordination of Notified Bodies for the regulatory certification of personal protective equipment

To harmonize the practices of the notified bodies which evaluate product conformity for the New and Global Approach Directives and ensure a high level of safety for the certified products, coordination structures have been established on the French and European levels. Under the authority of the French Ministries of Labour and Agriculture, EUROGIP acts as permanent secretariat for the French “Personal Protective Equipment” (PPE) and “Machinery” Coordinations.

In 2015, the Coordination's work mainly concerned:

- Standards relating to protective clothing against pesticides (ISO/DIS 27065): following numerous comments made during the first public enquiry, a second enquiry should be planned.
- Compatibility of PPE: ISO TC 94 passed a resolution to take into account this issue, and a CEN group should be set up. Via AFNOR, France will try to have the leadership in this committee.
- The applicability of the PPE Directive on a machine anchoring device (within the meaning of the Machinery Directive): a EUROGIP document (Cert.EPI.2013-306_PB_rev02) was presented, with the conclusion that a transportable support not installed permanently and not attached to a structure should be considered as a category III PPE when-

ever one of its anchoring points is used to connect a PPE preventing risks of falls from a height.

- Revision of the PPE Directive: the consolidated text is expected to be published in early 2016.
- The verification procedures to be implemented for “active” PPEs containing electronics and software to actuate the protection system: this type of PPE is starting to appear, and the notified bodies are not necessarily competent to assess the level of performance of an electronic device or to calculate the failure rate of a software program. However, RfUs (Recommendations for Use) were proposed by the European Coordination to allow notified bodies to evaluate the conformity of PPEs taking into account these new developments.
- The falsification of ATEX ECs, and certain practices of organizations providing certificates that could be confused with a “CE” certificate, resulting in confusion for the manufacturers.
- “Single” User Manuals applicable to several products. It seems that it is possible to have a User Manual covering several products (of the same type or not) provided that the field of use is identical. Where there are different fields of use, several manuals must be produced.

“MACHINERY” COORDINATION

French Coordination of Notified Bodies for the regulatory certification of machinery

EUROGIP organised seven meetings, including two meetings of the General Committee (comprising the seven notified bodies) and five meetings of the sector groups. Like for PPE, these meetings allow exchanges of information between the ministries (Labour, Agriculture) and the notified bodies, especially on the decisions taken during European meetings between Member States.

The purpose of these meetings is also to solve the often complex technical problems still remaining, to incorporate the standardization work and to prepare the positions to be defended at meetings of the vertical groups and/or the Horizontal Committee of the European Coordination.

In 2015, the work of the “French Machinery Coordination” mainly concerned:

- Changes in the standard relating to earthmoving equipment: following the French objection regarding the visibility aspect, an ad hoc group was set up on the subject. Numerous potential improvements were proposed for visibility.
- Problems related to self-propelled trucks: first raised by INRS, they were discussed at the European level. In order to prevent fork-lift truck drivers from being crushed in the event of lateral overturning of the truck, and in the frequent cases when the seat belt is not used, it has been proposed authorizing the use of a safety door maintaining the conductor within the protected volume of the cab. This provision will be introduced into the Directive interpretation guide.

- Additions to the indicative list of safety components in Annex V: filter equipment and filtration systems designed to be incorporated in cabs will be added to the Directive application guide.
- Cardan transmission shafts and the Italian proposals based on research performed by a manufacturer. The planned technical solutions, although interesting, require thought in light of their innovative aspect. Especially since compatibility with the existing equipment is not ensured, and might even require the removal of certain protective devices from the machinery to be adapted.
- Revision of the Machinery Directive application guide: a work meeting to present the French comments (INRS and Ministry of Labour) was organized by EUROGIP. It was able to move the French demands forward.
- Collaborative robots: France has drafted an alert concerning the EN ISO 10218-1 & 2 standards and the complementary working document of the ISO/TC184/SC2 /WG3 group. A meeting of French manufacturers, the SYMOP and the DGT was planned in January 2016 in order to clarify certain points, notably regarding the definition of the collaborative robot and certain means employed to ensure operator protection.

The EUROGIP website was updated regularly following the publication of new lists of harmonized standards and changes in the notified bodies; the proposed documents are useful to the notified bodies and the various players implementing the PPE and Machinery directives.

OH&S IN 2015: A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

Far from reflecting all 2015 activities in the field of health and safety (OH&S) in Europe, and also internationally, these key events listed month by month illustrate the diversity of the subjects covered by EUROGIP's work, or at least related to its sphere of action.

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- January 2015: The "Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems" international Project Committee ISO/PC 283 and its "Requirements" working group (WG 1) meet for the third time.

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- 4 February: World Cancer Day - EU-OSHA presents a report on evaluation of the carcinogenic substances used in workplaces, which is an essential step to improve prevention of work-related cancers.
- The European Committee of the Regions publishes a report on the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work for the period 2014-2020.

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- EU-OSHA publishes an initial analysis of the results of the second European Survey of Enterprises on New and Emerging Risks (ESENER). The survey, conducted in around 50,000 companies having five employees or more in 36 European countries, focuses in particular on how OSH is managed, and on psychosocial risks (PSRs).

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- 28 April: World Day for Safety and Health at Work
On this occasion, the European Trade Union Confederation says it regrets that the European Commission decided to suspend its work on the development of exposure limit values for chemical substances.

5

- Eurofound publishes a report which describes the extent of workplace violence and harassment in the EU28 and Norway.

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- Analysis of the 2,350 or so comments received during the second enquiry on the draft ISO 45001 standard on Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems.

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- NAPO, the hero of a series of cartoons to learn safety with a smile, is back in a new film on electrical hazards.
- The European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) publishes a special report on MSDs, the No. 1 occupational health issue in the European Union. The document analyses the reasons for the exponential increase in these disorders, provides figures and summarizes good health and safety practices.
- A decision of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) increases the stringency of the obligation for manufacturers to report the presence of substances classified as of very high concern.

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- Fourth EUROSHNET conference: "Improving the quality of working life - A challenge for standardization, testing and certification", 14-16 October 2015, Seville (Spain)

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- The European Commission confirms the withdrawal from the European market of four machines due to their failure to comply with certain essential requirements of the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC. The machines are an angle grinder made in Belgium, a jig saw made in China and two cutting-off machines made in Sweden.
- Closing conference of the EU-OSHA 2014-2015 campaign on "Managing Work-Related Stress" held in Bilbao.

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- Occupational cancers: Mr Takkala, former EU-OSHA director and an expert on the question, places the EU before its responsibilities.
- The European Parliament passes a resolution on the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work for 2014-2020.
- The contracts of the so-called «New Approach» consultants, which had been suspended for many months, were at last signed by the Commission and CEN-CENELEC for a period up to the end of 2017. These consultants are responsible for assessing the harmonized European standards before they are published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU).
- The European Commission publishes two practical guides to help employers understand what they will have to do to comply with the 2013/35/EU directive on electromagnetic fields. This directive is to be transposed into the national law of all the EU Member States by 1 July 2016.
- "Better Regulation": The Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament supports by a large majority an agreement with the Council and the Commission to improve the quality of European legislation, which should focus on the areas in which the EU extracts the greatest value added for its citizens.
- The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) publishes the initial results of its sixth European survey of working conditions.
- The General Court of the European Union sentences the European Commission for "having failed in its obligations" regarding endocrine disruptors. The Commission did not comply with the deadline of 13 December 2013 set by Regulation No. 528/2012 on biocides for the adoption of "scientific criteria for determining properties disrupting the endocrine system".
- The final version of ISO/DIS 45001 - "Occupational health and safety management systems – Requirements with guidance for use" - is ready and available in English.

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