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Online Interactive Risk Assessment (OiRA) Tool

EFEE and ETUCE (unions) have committed themselves to explore possibilities to develop an Online Interactive Risk Assessment Tool for education sector together in cooperation with the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA). This commitment was confirmed at the plenary meeting of ESSDE in the final declaration signed by EFEE an ETUCE.

On a basis of this decision, EFEE General Secretary and ETUCE Executive Director met with officials of EU-OSHA in December 2016 to find out more about the project. In general the Online Interactive Risk Assessment tool is a free tool designed to support managers of small and micro companies or institutions in assessing potential risks at workplace. The tool is composed in the set of questions checking evaluating risks at the particular institution. After the evaluation is completed, the tool provides feedback that can be used by the manager. Similar tools are being developed by social partners in all other sectors.

During the meeting, we have identified 5 different educational subsectors that may need the OiRA tool. These subsectors are early-school, primary, secondary, higher and vocational education. The would entail development of 5 different tools. However, we decided to begin with the focus on secondary education with some elements of higher and primary education.

The process of developing an OiRA tool is managed by EU-OSHA. No financial resources are given to participating organizations. EU-OSHA hires a tool developer responsible for aggregating feedback from social partners and creating the tool. The process is lead by a Steering Committee composed of members from employers and employees’ organizations. The project should last up to 16 months with 4 one-day meetings spanned over the course of the project. At the end of this process a dissemination event is also sponsored by EU-OSHA

Members of the Steering Committee are not paid. Only travel and accommodation is provided in accordance to standard EC regulations. The project is scheduled to begin in January 2018.