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**Subject: Invitation to EPSU-HOSPEEM closing conference of joint project to promote the implementation and use of Directive 2010/32/EU + updated DRAFT programme (as of 25 April 2013)**

**Importance:** High

Dear Brigitte,  
Dear Enrico,

thank you for your reply to my e-mail the other day and the positive answer and confirmation of having somebody of FEMS at our final conference. Good news! I copy Enrico in and therefore write in English.

Please find attached the **updated programme** as of 25 April 2013. I also attached again the **report of the first regional seminar in Dublin and of the second regional seminar in Rome**. For illustrative purposes/as background information I attach the letter of invitation sent to the Director of OSHA-EU.

**HOSPEEM was fine with having a representative of medical doctors at the round table** of the final conference of our joint EPSU-HOSPEEM project to promote the implementation and use of Directive 2010/32/EU, in addition to the representative of nurses.

As you see **we have foreseen a round table in the early afternoon** with representatives of European institutions and key stakeholders. This means **we would welcome an a short speech/statement Enrico or the FEMS representative taking up the topics mentioned in the draft programme, to be followed by an exchange with the representatives of the other organisations invited**. EPSU and HOSPEEM would be honoured if Enrico or another FEMS could represent the professional group of doctors' at our final conference.

The director of OSHA-EU confirmed she plans to participate in the final conference. A representative of DG EMPL will participate, this could be Armindo Silva or somebody from their social dialogue or OSH unit, still to be confirmed by DG EMPL, they are discussing this internally. We also have the confirmation from Secretary General of EFN to represent the nurses' (professional) associations. We are waiting for a reply from DG SANCO, knowing that Martin Seychell won't be available.

**Amongst us:** I did not approach somebody of CPME as **I thought I should first ask FEMS as our main partner amongst the doctors' associations** ☺. Would you coordinate this with CPME or should I inform them about the final conference and tell them that FEMS would represent the doctors. Or shouldn't I do nothing in this regard? FYI: We are currently working with CPME with them how to respond to initiatives of CEN and national standardisation agencies to start procedures of standardisation of health and social services (CPME and we opposing this) and should meet Birgit Beger and a colleague during May.



It's also about HOSPEEM as I told them I would approach CPME and FEMS (knowing that I would first ask you anyway ☺) – which means we also would need “common language” around this. Sorry to be that long/explicit on this, but we need the same message to the outside world, you know what I mean.

Please don't hesitate to come back to me should you have any remarks, questions, etc.

Kind regards,

Mathias

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**Promotion and Support of Implementation of Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention of sharps injuries in the hospital and health care sector**  
**Final Conference**  
**Barcelona, 20 June 2013**

*Venue: HOTEL BARCELO SANTS, Plaça dels Països Catalans, 08014 Barcelona*

**DRAFT AGENDA** (as of 25 April 2013)

*Simultaneous interpretation will be provided from and into the following languages:*  
**English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish**

- 08:30 – 09:00    *Registration & coffee*
- 09:00 – 09:40    **Introduction and welcome**  
Pilar NAVARRO BARRIOS, Coordinator Health Services, FSP UGT (tbc)  
N.N., Spanish Health Ministry (tbc)  
Godfrey PERERA, Former Secretary General, HOSPEEM  
Carola FISCHBACH-PYTTEL, General Secretary, EPSU
- 09:40 – 10:00    **Results of background research on the transposition and implementation of the agreement on the prevention from injuries with medical sharps**  
Dr. Tina WEBER, Project Consultant / Technical Director, ICF GHK  
Questions and Answers
- 10:00 – 10:40    **Presentation of good practice examples – Identification of success factors**  
1/ Process of transposition of directive and role/involvement of social partners – Examples from Bulgaria, France, Germany (tbc)
- 10:40 – 11:00    *Coffee*
- 11:00 – 12:30    2/ Elaboration/availability of guidance, handbooks, toolkits, etc. – Examples from Finland, The Netherlands and Spain (tbc)  
3/ Effects at workplace level: Improvement of situation/reduction of accidents; Process of involvement of management, staff, representatives of staff/trade unions, OSH delegates/experts, etc. – Examples from Austria, Ireland and Italy (tbc)  
Questions and Answers





12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch & coffee*

13:30 – 15:30 **Round Table with representatives from European institutions and agencies and professional organisations**

EU-OSHA's activities on the prevention from injuries with medical sharps in the perspective of OSHA's New Strategy on Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) and the role of social partners in OSH

Dr. Christa SEDLATSCHKEK, Director, EU-OSHA

Prevention of injuries with medical sharps: Experiences and expectations from the perspective of nurses and doctors. The role of occupational safety and health (OSH) strategies, policies and measures

Paul DE RAEVE, Secretary General, European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN)

N.N., Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME) / European Federation Of Salaried Doctors (FEMS)

The role of social partners in the hospital sector in the current (2007-2012) and future (2013-2017) Community Strategy on Safety and Health at Work and the role of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) in the Action Plan on the EU Health Workforce

N.N., DG SANCO (tbc)

Role and potential of autonomous agreements by social partners: The example of Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention of sharps injuries in the Hospital and Health Care Sector: Experiences, next steps and perspectives from DG EMPL point of view

N.N., DG EMPL, Armindo SILVA / François ZIEGLER (tbc)

Questions and Answers are foreseen after each block

15:30 – 16:00 **Closing of final conference and outlook**

Carola FISCHBACH-PYTTEL, General Secretary, EPSU

Tjitte ALKEMA, Secretary General, HOSPEEM





## Final Conference BARCELONA

### Project: “Promotion and support of the implementation of Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention of sharps injuries in the hospital and health care sector”

#### INVITATION TO EU-OSHA

Dear Dr. Sedlatschek,

We are pleased to invite you to the **final conference** of the joint HOSPEEM – EPSU project to promote and support the implementation of Directive 2010/32/EU, that will take place in **Barcelona** on **20 June 2013** (starting at 8:30, ending at 16:30; conference venue tbc).

Your participation and contribution would help us to highlight one of the key outcomes of the sectoral social dialogue European Public Service Union (EPSU) and European hospital and healthcare employers’ association (HOSPEEM) have successfully started in 2006 and give further recognition to social partnership in the hospital and healthcare sector.

EPSU and HOSPEEM are working on the draft programme that we intend to send to you in March 2013. We would kindly ask you to block the 20<sup>th</sup> June in your agenda. For your information we attach the programme of the first regional seminar in Dublin that will be held on 31 January 2013.

We would kindly ask you for a presentation of about 20 to 25 minutes. Your speech will be followed by questions and an exchange with participants. The morning plenary session would focus OSHA’s work on the prevention from injuries from medical sharps, the main elements of OSHA’s New Strategy as relevant for the health care sector, and on the role OSHA sees for social partners in the context of occupational safety and health policies. We would be happy to have your suggestions in this regard. Further details concerning the topics of your intervention and the organisational details will be agreed closer to the event.

The project builds on the Sectoral Social Partner’s Framework agreement on the prevention of sharps injuries in the hospital and health care sector of 17 July 2009 incorporated in **Directive 2010/32/EU**. The deadline for the transposition into national legislation is 11 May 2013. The project is aimed to allow HOSPEEM and EPSU to obtain first hand information on the realities on the ground and on the role of social partners in the transposition of this piece of European legislation. It will also identify guidance to help with the implementation at the workplace level (e.g. as regards risk assessment, training or reporting), and to give inspiration to those managing and working in the hospital and healthcare sector to have measures in place to reduce risks of workplace exposure to medical sharps injuries, in line with Directive 2010/32/EU.

In the framework of this project, the sectoral social partners are organising **three regional seminars**, which will be held between January and April 2013. These events aim at providing space for mutual exchange on the experiences related to the implementation of the Directive, including the challenges and the problems that might have occurred. The results of a survey addressed to EPSU affiliates and



HOSPEEM members will also be discussed. The reports of the seminars should frame the presentations and debates at the Final Conference.

A **project-related webpage** has been set up at <http://www.epsu.org/r/629>. At a later stage information and documents relevant for the Final Conference will be uploaded on page <http://www.epsu.org/a/9131>.

HOSPEEM and EPSU would be honoured to welcome you at our conference. Your participation would constituted an important step forward to strengthen the cooperation with your agency that started in 2011.

Yours sincerely,

**HOSPEEM and EPSU**


**Tjitte ALKEMA**

Secretary General  
HOSPEEM



**Godfrey PERERA**

Chief Executive  
HOSPEEM



**Carola FISCHBACH-PYTTEL**

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