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ACTIVITIES ON THE OCCASION OF 28 APRIL 2009 **MARKING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMEMORATION DAY FOR** **DEAD AND INJURED WORKERS**

On the initiative of the Union of Autonomous Trade Unions of Croatia (SSSH/UATUC), the Government of the Republic of Croatia adopted a decision to declare 28 April as the National Day of Occupational Safety and Health. Following that decision, and the UATUC demands, at the meeting of the National Council held on 20 February 2009 in the premises of the Croatian Institute for Health Insurance for Occupational Safety and Health in Zagreb, the form and content of the marking the Day of Occupational Safety and Health – 28 April – in Croatia were agreed, pursuant to the decision of the Croatian Parliament as of 30 May 2007 when the unanimous decision was reached on the following:

1. Ministry of Economy, Labour and Entrepreneurship commits to organize an expert meeting each year on the **situation of occupational safety and health system in Croatia and guidelines for its improvement.**
2. within 6 months, the Government of the Republic of Croatia must introduce **Annual award for the achievements in protecting workers` lives and health and promotion of occupational safety and health system.**

Pursuant to this Decision the following programme was developed for 2009:

1. A poster was designed and printed, and distributed to trade unions affiliated to the UATUC.

2. From Tuesday, 21 April 2009 till Friday, 24 April 2009, a number of round tables will be organized in different regions with the following subjects:

- situation of the occupational safety and health in Croatia
- other subjects according to specific interests of the region and organizer of the round table.

a) Croatian Employers` Association (HUP) and Trade Union of the Employed in Agriculture, Food, Tobacco and Water Industries of Croatia (PPDIV) in Osijek on Tuesday 21 April 2009

- Act on Agriculture
- Risk assessment as the basic OSH document

b) HUP, Metalworkers` Trade Union of Croatia (SMH) and Autonomous Trade Union of Workers in Power Industry, Chemistry and Non-Metal Industry of Croatia (EKN) in Split on Wednesday 22 April 2009

c) Croatian Parliament – topical meeting on 23 April 2009 with the participation of the members of the National OSH Council (trade union is one of the participants in the discussion)

d) HUP and Trade Union of Construction Industry of Croatia (SGH) in Zagreb on 24 April 2009

- situation of the occupational safety and health in construction sector
- project with French Government about the methodology used in France to assess dangers at construction sites
- risk assessment as the basic OSH document

3. 14th International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers on Monday, 27 April 2009, at 11 a.m. in UATUC premises

- press conference
- participants in the meeting: representatives of the Government and HUP in charge of OSH, representative of the Economic and Social Council (GSV), representative of the National Council, Croatian Institute of Occupational Health, Croatian National Institute of Public Health and Trade Union of Public Professional Fire Brigades of Croatia

4. Formal meeting on the occasion of 28 April – Day of Occupational Safety and Health on Tuesday, 28 April 2009 at 11 a.m.

Occupational Safety and Health Week in Croatia ends with a joint reception organized by the National OSH Council and the UATUC.

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14TH INTERNATIONAL COMMEMORATION DAY FOR DEAD AND INJURED WORKERS

Situation with occupational safety and health in Croatia Assessment of hazards at workplaces as the basic OSH document

Topics in 2009:

On 28 April trade union movement has the opportunity to point out the consequences of unsustainable work, unsustainable jobs and production forms which endanger workers' lives and safety. **Therefore in 2009 and 2010 assessments of hazards at workplaces will be treated as the basic documents for occupational safety and health.**

Link between 28 April and 1 May: 28 April should be a key date on the eve of mobilizing workers for commemoration of 1 May which will this year be focused on respecting workers and their rights.

The most relevant issues are:

- a) Occupational safety and health and continuation of planned activities in trade unions.
- b) Promotion of sustainable jobs and preservation of employment in the time of crisis as a means of coordinating occupational safety and health, social and economic dimensions.

Government and public sector

The Government has two roles: as an employer and protector of legal framework. Research conducted in many parts of industrially developed world show that workers employed in the public sector put **stress at the top of the list of problems which they face at their workplaces, in other words, stress at work for them is larger issue than wages.**

Private sector

Occupational safety and health in private companies has many issues, but the priorities will be determined according to national or regional environment. Topics of the meetings to be held from 21 April 2009 will function as introduction to dealing with these issues.

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