







# Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention of sharps injuries in the hospital and health care sector

Implementation in Germany



## **Principles of the Directive**

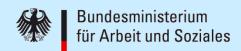
#### **Objective:**

No injuries from sharp/pointed medical instruments

#### **Requirements:**

#### Integrated approach

- > Cooperation between employers and employee representatives
- Risk assessment
- Risk prevention
  - Qualifications, training, instruction, information
  - Awareness raising
  - Achievement of a safe working environment
- Accident procedures
  - Medical care (post-exposure prophylaxis)
  - > Reporting procedure "no blame" culture quality management



### Implementation in German law

#### Integration into existing law:

- > Ordinance on biological substances (implementation of Directive 2000/54/EC)
- Ordinance on preventive occupational medicine (vaccination)

#### Content of the new ordinance on biological substances

- Integrated approach is generalised
- Clause for the health care sector with specific requirements relating to:
  - Disinfection measures
  - Handling or replacement of sharp/pointed medical instruments inc. ban on recapping
  - Disposal of sharp/pointed medical instruments
  - Accident procedures (accident reporting)

#### Specific rules in the Technical Rules on Biological Agents (TRBA)

- > TRBA 250 for health care and welfare facilities
- > TRBA 400 for risk assessment



## Regulation in practice

Rules on preventing sharps injuries have already been included in TRBA 250 since 2006

# But the important point is:

What happens in practice?

BMAS has therefore launched a study that we should like to tell you about. I shall therefore hand over to

# Ms Strahwald

and thank you for listening!