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'... encourages the Member States to engage fully in the forthcoming 2020-2022 EU-wide campaign on the prevention of work-related musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), to find innovative non-legislative solutions and to exchange information and good practices with social partners'.... 'reiterates its call on the Commission to submit, without delay, a legal act on MSDs; calls on the Member States to conduct studies'.... 'into the incidence of MSDs, with a view to preventing and combating the emergence of such disorders and to developing a comprehensive EU chronic-disease strategy for prevention and early intervention;

IS PSRS@W an issue in Europe? Yes :

- stress is the biggest reason behind sickness absence in the UK, that over 40% of the UK organizations saw an increase in mental health problems, that 30% of NHS staff suffer from stress every year and that the cost of stress in the UK is annually €1.67 billion, resulting in loss of 105 million days. (James Tracey and Kim Sunley).

- 51 % of all workers report that work-related stress is common in their workplace and around four in ten workers think that stress is not handled well in their workplace (pan-European opinion poll, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work)

- mental illnesses diminish the performance of the employees concerned, are responsible for about 13% of the days off work and will become the most frequent cause of early retirement in the near future (Margret Steffen)

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Prevention!

'We have hundreds of studies, but only a few effective strategies for solving the problems of PSRS@W. So the focus should be on prevention and on necessary measures, developed by the social partners' (Herbert Beck)





Worker participation !

- 'participation' and 'being kept informed' have a positive effect on workers' health (James Tracey, Kim Sunley)
- 'Employees need to be able to influence their work, otherwise stress increases' (Kirsi Sillanpää)
 - worker participation trough discussion groups at work
- floor level (Saija Koskensalmi and Albert Nienhaus). - Useful material on how to involve workers in decision making EU-OSHA 2014–2015 Campaign





'.... notes the important psychological benefits and increased productivity associated with high levels of autonomy in the workplace; considers that a degree of workplace autonomy can be essential in easing the process of reintegration of sick and injured workers with disparate conditions and needs.'

Lessons learned in Amsterdam

-'on the job': learning happens for 70% at the workplace, for 20% when exchanging information with colleagues and for 10% in formal, explicit learning contexts.

- invest in horizontal careers (wound care nurse, ErgoCoach, etc.),
- experiment with new, creative ways of learning (escape room, online learning, etc.)



Campaign Guide

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fre@-learning

- -about 40 modules about sliding sheets, lifters, infection control, obesity, pushing and pulling, etc -it's free
- -no pass words
- -it's accredited
- -it's popular (30.000 courses per month)
- -supported by social partners
- -IZZ launched a Free Learning module 'static load'
- -it's only in Dutch :(



The bridge model





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'if a nurse needs a lifting device in order to reduce the risk of getting back pain [MSD], she needs to be well trained [CPD/LLL] and also, she needs to have (or needs to feel that she has) enough time [PSRS@W] for the transfer with the device (Brigitte Schero, Germany).



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- ah so, 'everything is connected to everything'? yes
- but then, where do we start? Research? Training? Team dialogues? Rebuilding the hospital? Higher wages? Better rostering?
- well, the good news is that presenters argued that it is not necessary to deal with ALL the issues simultaneously to stop the downwards spiral.
- plus discussions during SSDC (12-11-18) underlined that single-track solutions help to give health care organizations a first relief ('oxygen') but secondly the sources of the OSH issues must be taken away.





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