# SYNDICAT EUROPEAEN TRADE UNION

## EUROPEAN SOCIAL DIALOGUE ACADEMY – ETUC ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES IN THE FIELD OF OSH – IGNACIO DORESTE HERNANDEZ ETUC



#### HOW ETUC WORKS ON PROMOTING HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK IN EU

ETUC Standing Committee on Occupational Safety and Health

Coordination of the Workers' Interest Group of the agency EU-OSHA

The Advisory Committee on Safety and Health



### THE EU LEGISLATIVE MACHINERY ON OSH

Adopted Directive published in EU . Official Journal College of MSs will transpose the Commissioners legal text into national legislation by the date The College of Draft legislative set in the Directive. Commissioners adopts the proposal proposal and sends it to Council and Parliament for DG EMPL prepares the draft legislative Impact Assessment negotiation and subsequent adoption. As a proposal and submits Directive. it to inter-service DG EMPL drafts IA consultation. WPC - ACSH containing policy Thereafter, a final draft options and The Working Party on legislative proposal is associated impacts. IA Chemicals (WPC) prepared. Scientific is discussed within an discusses the scientific Interservice Steering Recommendation Recommendation and Group and submitted various feasibility issues DG EMPL issues mandates to the Regulatory Selection of and comes up with a to scientific committee, who Scrutiny Board (RSB). consensus based chemicals for will deliver as a rule the A positive reply is suggestion for the OEL Scientific Evaluation exposure-risk-relationships required. value. This is integrated (ERR) for non-threshold DG EMPL establishes in a draft opinion for carcinogens, or a practical lists of priorities for adoption by the Plenary threshold when possible. scientific evaluation of ACSH. Scientific Recs are subject based on inputs from to external consultation various sources and before adoption. application of priority



criteria.

#### WORK PROGRAM: THE MANDATE OF THE ETUC CONGRESS

- Working to achieve Zero Deaths by 2030
- Mainstream the gender dimension in the field of OSH
- Address psychosocial risks, including online harassment and shaming, at work through a European Directive
- Work to improve the REACH regulation
- Move towards EU legislation that establishes temperature limits
- Support the development or re-establishment of dedicated OSH instances with dedicated resources for workers' representatives and trade unions in the workplace
- Support the implementation of the CMRD
- Recognition of ILO Conventions on OSH as fundamental principles



#### MAIN CHALLENGES FOR TRADE UNION WORK ON OSH

- Declining trade union membership and representation at company level
- Megatrends: Digitalisation and climate change
- The stress pandemic
- Still many dangerous substances not regulated or insufficiently regulated.
- Lack of enforcement
- Back to austerity



#### SOME RECENT SUCCESES

- Revision of the Asbestos Directive
- 5<sup>th</sup> revision of the Directive on Carcinogens, Mutagens, and Reprotoxic Substances
- Guidelines on prevention of heat as an occupational factor

