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The Roadmap on carcinogens initiative has been running since the event organised by the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the EU on the prevention of work-related cancer in 2016. Under the framework, six European organisations, Austria, the Netherlands, Business Europe, the European Trade Union Confederation, the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) and the European Commission, decided to join forces to develop a voluntary action plan to raise awareness of the risks arising from exposure to carcinogens in the workplace and to promote exchange good practices between companies and organisations.



The roadmap has evolved into a larger initiative with many active participants. The four main objectives of the Roadmap are:

- ① To raise awareness across Europe among companies and workers about the risks of exposure to carcinogens and the need for preventive action.
- ② To provide assistance to companies and workers to prevent exposure to carcinogenic substances in the workplace and to minimise their effect on the workforce.
- ③ To mobilise stakeholders and increase the involvement of relevant parties, such as sectors and industry, to multiply our efforts across Europe.
- ④ To focus innovation on bridging the gap between research results and business needs.

In 2020, a new Roadmap strategy was defined and articulated in four pillars and twelve challenges.

Since its inception, the number of organisations committed to the Roadmap on carcinogens has been increasing, with most of the governments of the successive presidencies of the Council of the EU joining the Roadmap, the most recent being the Spanish incorporation in March 2022.

Officially, the current phase of the Roadmap on carcinogens will end in 2024 with the Belgian Presidency of the EU Council.

Both the Spanish and Belgian presidencies of the Council are organising events where the four main objectives of the Roadmap will be discussed in depth and the work carried out on the challenges will be reviewed.

# PROGRAMME

## PREVENTING WORK-RELATED CANCER EVENT

Updated: 14<sup>th</sup> November

20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023

**National Institute for Safety and Health  
at Work**

Torrelaguna, 73 | 28027 Madrid

Register to attend **ON-SITE**.

Limited capacity.

Sign up

## 20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

### 12:30 Registration

### 13:00 Welcome cocktail

### 14:00 Welcome and presentations

Joaquín Pérez Rey  
Secretary of State for Employment and Social  
Economy, MITES. Spain

Charlotte Grevfors-Ernoult  
Representative of the European Commission

William Cockburn Salazar  
Executive Director of the European Agency for  
Safety and Health at Work, EU-OSHA

Carlos Arranz Cordero  
Director of the National Institute for Safety and  
Health at Work, INSST. Spain

### 14:30 The roadmap on carcinogens: where do we stand?

Jos de Lange  
TNO. Netherlands

### 14:45 Presentation of the first results of the EU-OSHA Workers' Exposure Survey on Cancer Risk Factors in Europe (WES)

Marine Cavet  
WES project coordinator. Prevention and  
Research Unit. EU-OSHA

### 15:30 Session: Sources of information on carcinogens

Introduction into the session

Elke Schneider  
Senior OSH and policy specialist, EU-OSHA

Roadmap Challenge 1.1 - Sources of exposure  
data in EU

Sirkku Saarikoski  
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. Finland

The INFORCARQUIM database

Rocío Guevara de Bonis  
INSST. Spain

### 16:15 Coffee break

### 16:45 Face to face Parallel Sessions

#### Parallel Session 1 · CARCINOGENS NOT INCLUDED IN REACH

Moderator: Montserrat Solórzano Fàbrega  
INSST. Spain

Roadmap challenge 4.2 - Process-generated  
carcinogens. Exposure to silica dust

Gerlinde Ziniel  
Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy,  
BMAW. Austria

Diesel motor exhaust fumes

Pablo Menéndez  
National Institute for Silicosis. Spain

Hazardous medicinal products in hospitals

Nuria Jiménez Simón  
INSST. Spain

Exposure to wood dust

Torunn Kringlen Ervik  
STAMI. Norway

#### Parallel Session 2 · SAFE WORKING PROCEDURES & CARCINOGEN EXPOSURE PREVENTION

Moderator: Amber Vernooij  
TNO. Netherlands

Roadmap challenge 4.3 - Safe working  
procedures

Marie Meima  
TNO. Netherlands

Carcinogens at work: Knowledge is prevention.  
Carcinogenic Agents Fact Sheets

Teresa Sánchez Cabo  
INSST. Spain

Good practice: Action protocol in case of  
unplanned presence of carcinogenic

José Terol  
Repsol. Spain

Roadmap on carcinogens Challenge 4.1 -  
Bridging the gap between science (materials  
development) and the world of work (materials  
used throughout the life cycle).

Michaela Clever  
BAuA. Germany

#### Parallel session 3 · ASBESTOS

Moderator: Marta Zimmermann Verdejo  
INSST. Spain

Prevention management in interventions in the  
presence of asbestos-containing materials in  
firefighting and rescue operations

Diana Torremocha García  
INSST. Spain

Preventive management of interventions in the  
presence of asbestos-containing materials in  
Germany

Romy Marx  
Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.  
Germany

Asbestos risk assessment in France: screening  
by the sponsor of the work and establishment  
of working procedures by the employer

Jeremy De Saint-Jores and Thomas Colin  
Labour General Direction. France

## 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER

### 09:30 Presentation of the conclusions of the workshops

Rapporteur of the parallel session 1  
Ruth Jimenez Saavedra  
INSST. Spain

Rapporteur of the parallel session 2  
Cristina Arrimadas Berzosa  
INSST. Spain

Rapporteur of the parallel session 3  
José María Rojo Aparicio  
INSST. Spain

### 10:15 Conference: Green transition and OSH

Rüdiger Pipke  
BAuA. Alemania

### 10:45 Coffee break

### 11:15 Roundtable

#### CARCINOGENS IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND GREEN TRANSITION

Moderator: Pilar Cáceres Armendáriz  
INSST. Spain

Lung toxicity of carbon nanotubes  
Carole Seidel  
INRS. France

Exposure risk assessment and management for  
metals exposure in the battery industry

Steven Verpaele  
Nickel Institute, Belgium

Solar UV Exposure

Silvia Torres Ruiz  
INSST. Spain

### 12:15 Panel Discussion

#### EUROPEAN LEGISLATION ON CARCINOGENS. PROGRESS AND NEXT ACTIONS

Moderator: Virginia Gálvez Pérez  
INSST. Spain

European Commission and representatives of  
the stakeholders of the Advisory Committee  
for Safety and Health at Work (ACSH): workers,  
employers and governments

Charlotte Grevfors-Ernoult  
COM representative

Isabel Maya Rubio  
Representative of the EIG

Tony Musu  
Representative of the WIG

Sirkku Saarikoski  
Representative of the GIG

### 13:00 Closing session

Carlos Arranz Cordero  
Director of the National Institute for Safety and  
Health at Work, INSST. Spain

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