



Health and Safety in the Waste Management Business

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FEAD MEMBERS

21

EU Member States and Norway

3 000

companies

320 000

employees

€ 75 billion

turnover

FEAD MEMBERS REPRESENT

more than 2 400 recycling and sorting centres

more than 1 100 composting sites

more than 260 waste-to-energy plants

more than 900 controlled landfills

60% share in the municipal solid waste market in Europe

75% share in the industrial waste (including hazardous waste) market in Europe

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promotes environmentally sound waste management in close co-operation with the EU institutions, networking with horizontal and sectoral industry, trade organisations and coalitions.

FEAD's mission is to ensure that:
Effective, practical legislation and its enforcement leads to environmental sustainability in a competitive market.

Overview

The presentation will cover the following aspects:

- Transformation of the waste management business
- Increased focus on health and safety
- Measures to better tackle the issue
- Working Groups at FEAD member association level
- Accident reduction programmes
- Awareness-raising campaigns
- Cooperation with national H&S bodies

Transformation of the waste management business

- The industry has undergone a significant transformation in recent years
- Europe is reducing reliance on landfill disposal and increasing rates of recycling
- The industry's activities have become more labour intensive
- Waste collection systems have adapted
- More sophisticated systems for the collection and treatment of waste

Increased focus on health and safety

- Increased scrutiny of health and safety in the waste management sector
- Every year, people are killed or injured at work
- Waste collection activities pose the greatest risk
- Consequently, FEAD members are taking pro-active actions on health and safety

Measures to better tackle the issue

- FEAD members have chosen different instruments and measures to address health and safety issues in the waste management business:
 - ✓ Set-up of Working Groups at association level
 - ✓ Accident reduction programmes
 - ✓ Awareness-raising campaigns
 - ✓ Cooperation with national H&S bodies

Working Groups at FEAD member association level

- WGs on health and safety have been set up by a number of FEAD member associations, for instance, in the UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Finland etc.
- H&S is considered a non-competitive issue
- WGs serve for information-exchange and to jointly assess sources of accidents

Accident reduction programmes

- United Kingdom (ESA)
 - Adoption of an accident reduction programme (H&S strategy) which was firstly adopted in 2006 and has since been periodically reviewed.
 - The current H&S strategy targets five key areas:
 - Slips trips and falls;
 - Manual handling;
 - Workplace transport;
 - Machinery safety;
 - Occupational health.
 - In 2012 ESA will renew its Health and Safety Strategy, with a strong focus on sickness absence.
 - ESA has adopted an Accident Reduction Charter which includes a target to reduce accidents, every year, by 10% up until 2013
 - In 2010, ESA achieved a 13.5% reduction in accidents from the previous year.

Awareness-raising campaigns

- Germany (BDE)
 - Joint development of media package by waste management companies, German insurance bodies and labour unions („Medien für die Entsorgungswirtschaft“ – „Media for the waste management business“)
 - Link: <http://www.medien-der-entsorger.de/flash/medienprojekt.html>
- Belgium (FEGE-FEBEM)
 - The QESH workgroup aims to develop ‘toolbox’ forms to be distributed to all FEBEM-FEGE members
- France (FNADE): Awareness-raising campaigns at company level

Cooperation with national H&S bodies

- France

- FNADE is actively involved in INRS projects (INRS = Institut national de recherche et de sécurité) related to:

- Chemicals risks arising from the recycling of WEEE and metals;
- Biological risks from the biological treatment of waste (composting etc.);
- Musculoskeletal disorders.

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