In light of the Work Programme 2017-2019, HOSPEEM and EPSU would like to follow up on the Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention from sharps injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector with its members. The primary objective of this focus area is to monitor the implementation of the directive on hospital staff in the Member States, more than four years after the directive has been officially set in force and a joint project concluded, with a “Final Report” comprising about 25 country reports and key challenges as the main deliverable.

Building on the work done in 2012 and 2013, the Secretariats would like to collect input from their members in form of an online survey, investigating areas where the implementation and use of the directive been proven beneficial in the prevention of sharps injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector and indicating potential or actual still existing problems with the implementation or use of the directive. The survey is targeted to HOSPEEM members and EPSU affiliates. Once the results have been collected, the Secretariats will analyse the data and summarise them in a concise report, to be shared with their members, the European Commission and other relevant stakeholders (such as EU OSHA).

1) Tentative timeline of the follow up:

2017
- October: Defining survey questions
- 07 December: Sending out survey for final revision to HOSPEEM and EPSU affiliates with set deadline of 14 December 2017
- 14 December: Sending out the official final online survey with set deadline of 22 February 2018

2018
- 15 January: Sending the first reminder to HOSPEEM and EPSU affiliates
- 08 February: Sending the second reminder to HOSPEEM and EPSU affiliates
- 22 February: Deadline to submit responses
- 28 February: Organising raw results
- 15 March: First draft of the report to be shared with HOSPEEM and EPSU affiliates
- 04 April: Present intermediate report in the SSDC HS

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1 For the full text in all official EU languages see http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32010L0032
2 The document (available in EN, FR, DE, ES and PL) can be accessed on the EPSU webpage together with documents of the Final Conference on 20 June 2013 in Barcelona and on the HOSPEEM webpage
3 Should the affiliates wish to obtain more detailed information, e.g. from a sample of hospitals or from national agencies, observatories having data and evidence on the issue, an extended deadline will be communicated to you by the respective Secretariat. Please notify the Secretariat before the 22 February if you wish to extend the deadline.
3) List of questions

**Question 1: Effectivity of the directive in the national/local setting**
Are you aware of the effect of the directive in the reduction of risks of health workers resulting from the directive’s implementation in your country?

a. Can you provide us with information on the effect of the implementation of the directive in your national/local setting?
   *You may indicate any relevant data on the effect on the frequency of injuries, infections, adoption of general and specific preventive measures.*

b. Are there reports/assessments by national governments or competent authorities (i.e. health care Inspectorate) to provide evidence on the results or effects of the implementation of the directive?

**Question 2: Legal transposition**
Are you aware of problems concerning the transposition of the Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention from sharps injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector into your national legal system?

a. Do you have any factual evidence how the transposition has been carried out in your Member State? Did the transposition result in new pieces of national legislation or regulations or was it operated by amending existing national legislation/regulations?
   *You may include relevant legal documents to support the transposition.*

b. If there is/are (a) problem(s) in the legal transposition, what are these problems? Have the national social partners been involved? If yes, has their involvement been of assistance to overcome the(se) problem(s)? If no: Why not?

**Question 3: Practical transposition**
Are you aware of problems in the practical transposition of the Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention from sharps injuries in the hospital setting?

a. If yes, we would welcome more detailed information by referring to the principles set out in the directive (principles; risk assessment; elimination of dangerous practices, prevention and protection; information and awareness-raising; training; reporting; response and follow up – set out in clause 4 to 10)

b. If there is/are (a) problem(s) in the practical transposition, what is/are the(se) problem(s) (please refer to one of the clauses 4 to 10) and how has the involvement of the national Social Partners been of assistance to overcome the(se) problem(s)?

c. Have other stakeholders (e.g. professional or scientific groups, institutions of the work accident insurance, etc.) been involved in promoting the practical transposition of the Directive along with the national social partners?

**Question 4: Recent follow up**
Are you aware of recent (or planned) follow up initiatives in your Member State to give better effect to the provisions of the directive (e.g. awareness raising campaigns; elaboration of information or training material; provision of training; data collection, etc.)?

a. If yes, have the social partners (or employers or trade unions) be involved in the initiative(s)?

b. Relevant documents: Please upload here any documents that might be of interest for the analysis in view of effects for management and/or the workers

**Question 5: Course of action**
What is for you the most important area/issue covered by the Directive 2010/32/EU on the prevention from sharps injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector where future targeted action by social partners could support a more effective prevention and reduction of risks on a national level?

**Question 6: Space for additional comments**