Institute for Labour and Family Research activities as a key tool for promotion of decent work and business education in Slovakia

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Structure of ppt

The presentation will consist of two parts:

I. Introduction of the Institute of Work and Family Research (IVPR)

II. Activities of the OSH research team in support of the world of work culture
Institute for Labour and Family Research and its activities

State-funded, scientific and research institution of MOLSaF SR

The priority activity of IVPR is its research activity. It is the applied social research in the field of:
- Policy of labour market and employment, employment relations, labour relations
- Family, children, social affairs, Roma issue,
- Working conditions, labour relations,
- OSH and its aspects (social, economic, technical, educational, working environment factors and other factors)

Cross-sectional across all fields: gender equality and equal opportunities, prevention of violence and
Telephone line for tortured women,
Coordination and methodological centre for the prevention of violence against women and children

Horizontal priority is the implementation of the gender dimension in the applied social research.

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Research in the field of OSH and activities in this area

• OSH research team is dealing with this topic since 2003 at the time of establishment of the Institute, after cancellation of the OSH Research and Educational Institute.

• The OSH research team continuously monitor and analysis the state of the Slovak legislation and EU legislation in the field of occupational safety and health and the OSH management systems in SR.

• The work concentrates on development of background materials for legislative amendments, development of concepts, analytical and synthetic materials for its founder, recommendations for work of the state bodies active in this field, conceptual and methodological materials for the labour inspection bodies and instructions to improve OSH in the social and economic practice.

• The research concentrates in particular on increase of prevention of occupational injuries, accidents and occupational diseases.

• A particular area of its activities is coordination of OSH research in the SR research base in order to increase the rationality of this research financed mainly from the public resources.

• For several areas of OSH research is characteristic their penetration into the area of labour relations, antidiscrimination measures and gender equality at the work place.
Research in the field of OSH and activities in this area

• The subjects of research are:
  • research projects implemented in the framework of a contract signed in the relevant calendar year with the founder of the Institute – the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family (MPSVR SR),
  • projects based on the Strategy of the Policy of the Occupational Safety and Health for 2013 to 2015 with a view till 2020 and on the programme of its implementation
  • research activities implemented in the framework of the state research and development programmes (e.g. APVV) and other grant schemes.
  • The outputs of the research programmes are intangible, have a societal significance and their aim is to contribute to the prevention of occupational accidents, occupational diseases, accidents and failures of technical equipment, to contribute to increase the quality of education and training in OSH, to protect the work and life environment and to protect the economic values.
Overview of research projects focusing on education, decent work and working conditions

• In the last 5 years, the research projects focused in particular on economic, ecological, psychosocial and educational aspects of OSH and working conditions. Several examples:

• Increasing the vocational education and qualification of persons operating the technical equipment with a focus on the metal processing machines: Report from a research project, 2015

• Economic assessment of losses from occupational accidents a occupational diseases among employers in the Slovak Republic and application of economic lawfulness at the national as well as enterprise levels in OSH management (incentives, economic stimulation) 2015
Overview of research projects focusing on education, decent work and working conditions

• Identification of employers’ and employees’ attitudes to OSH: 2nd stage: Implementation of a survey concerning attitudes to OSH and its evaluation, 2010

• Assessment of protective features of personal protective equipment during their operational use, 2011

• Competence of the persons in safety operations on selected working compositions, 2012

• OSH and risk factors of 50+ employees – work of elderly people in working process and proposals for measures on the level of selected sectors and enterprise, 2013

• Use of e-learning as a method of education and training in OSH in the enterprise practice, 2013

• OSH and green working places: Green economy, 2014 and other
Practical outputs of research projects

In the recent period, the following outputs from research projects belong among the most important ones:

- Terminological dictionary on OSH: webpage of the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family SR:

- The terminological dictionary is a systemic set of terminology in the comprehensive occupational safety and health field with explanation of terminology taking into account the current state of legislation in this field, its harmonisation with the EU legislation and development tendencies. It creates conditions for the relevant orientation of the professional community, employers and employees including the wide general public in the current concepts in prevention of OSH.
Practical outputs of research projects

• Encyclopaedia on OSH:
  • It presents the necessary information and knowledge for accepting the new semantic approach to OSH. It is devoted to the wide community of employers, employees, professionals in OSH and general public
Practical outputs of research projects

- Bulletin Family and Work with various topics in the field of OSH (education and training, personal protective equipment, Survey on attitudes to OSH, etc.)

- A regular leaflet with information about activities of the Institute (IVPR) in the field of OSH research

- A series of leaflets: 10-toro: Principals of safety at work: Metal-processing machines

- CD: Strategic documents on OSH policy in SR

- And others
Cooperation of IVPR with other institutions in the framework of OSH

• National Labour Inspectorate: close cooperation during inspection activities, statistical surveys,

• cooperation in organisation of seminars in the framework of EA OSH activities in Bilbao, participation in the Focal Point activities

• The European Foundation for Improvement of Living and Working conditions with its seat in Dublin- Eurofound- National Observatory

• Fridrich Ebert Stiftung- cooperation on seminars and workshops: „Culture the world of work“,  

• Confederation of Trade Unions of Slovakia- on seminars and workshops- „Decent work“ and others
• Thank you for your attention

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