

Project: Identifying common interests for Social Dialogue in the waste industry

**Seminar on health and safety in the waste industry
14 February 2012
ITUH, Room B - Blvd. Roi Albert II, 5 – 1210 Brussels**

Summarized Report

On 14 February 2012 EPSU organised the second seminar on Health and Safety in the Waste industry. This was a follow up seminar to the seminar of 28 November. It appeared that health and safety are a big issue in the waste industry.

The waste industry is facing changes in structure and working patterns due to globalisation and higher demands for re-use and recycling of waste. The focus in the industry is shifting from disposal (“how to get rid of waste”) to re-use (“how to regain the most of the resources in waste”). This seminar focused on examples of social dialogue that promote health and safety at workplaces.

In this seminar three presentations were given.

1. The agreement on medical sharps in the Hospital sector and the medical sharps directive: *Mathias Maucher* (EPSU)
2. Quality of work in the waste sector: *Vassil Kyrov* (Walqing/Forba)
3. The covenant for the Waste Industry in the Netherlands: *Etienne Haneveld* (Abvakabo, Netherlands)

Attached are hand-outs of these presentations. They are also available on the EPSU-website: www.epsu.org/a/8198

Next seminar will be on 14 June 2012 and focus on skills and skill needs in a changing Waste Industry.