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Particularities of Occupational Safety and Health management in Small and Medium Enterprises

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Abstract

Small and medium enterprises (SME) are an important contributor to the EU labor market and economic growth. They account for almost 70% of total employment in EU. They are dynamic, more flexible than bigger companies, but most of all they have huge diversities even within the same economic sector. In the same time, SMEs have high rate of occupational accidents and diseases. The article presents aspects related to occupational safety and health management in SMEs, addressing legal issues and practices in the smallest, but highly important enterprises in Europe.

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