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The construction industry's Safety Park

The construction industry's Safety Park was visited on 16 May by EU delegates in connection with Sweden's EU presidency. Afa Insurance supports the park, where teachers and students on construction and civil engineering courses have been given the opportunity to receive free safety training.



Nicolas Schmit, EU Commissioner for Employment and Social Rights and Sweden's Deputy Minister for Employment Paulina Brandberg together with others on a visit to the Safety Park.

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"The construction industry is among the most injured, both in terms of occupational accidents and occupational diseases. Through the collaboration, we want to create safer and more secure workplaces for students in construction and civil engineering", says Susanna Stymne Airey, head of the Prevention unit at Afa Insurance.

Ministers, EU representatives and authorities on the ground

Present during the visit were, among others, Paulina Brandberg, Deputy Minister for Employment and Employment, and Nicolas Schmit, EU Commissioner for Employment and Social Rights. Among the international guests who visited the Safety Park were also Members of the European Parliament, officials from the European Commission, EU-OSHA (EU Agency for Safety and Health at Work) and representatives from the Member States.

We want to show a good example of how it is possible to work with safety in workplaces and hopefully contribute to inspiring more people

to develop their work with safe and secure workplaces, says Stina Hamberg, Secretary at the Ministry of Labour.

Unique pedagogy in the Safety Park

The unique thing about the Construction Industry Safety Park is that under the guidance of constructed stations and scenarios that are common in the industry, visitors are trained by reflecting on behaviors and attitudes that can affect safety in the workplace. The concept originally comes from Finland, where there are currently three safety parks.

So far, approximately 3,600 teachers and students in construction and civil engineering courses have been given the opportunity to receive free training in the Safety Park. ●