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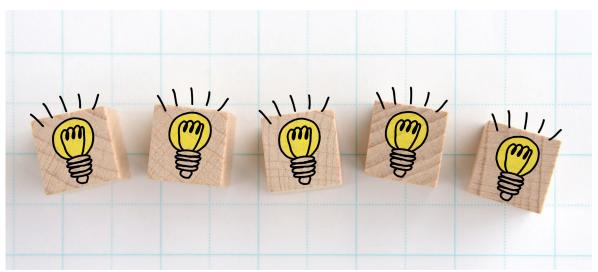


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Working Group Communication: a new mission and the search for a new name for the European Forum

Isabelle Leleu (EUROGIP) chaired the meeting of the Working Group "Communication" in Zagreb in June 2024 in place of Nikolaus Schaden-Kajoui (AUVA), who was detained in Austria by the Forum Prävention taking place at the same time.



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In her introduction, she reminded what the European Forum was and about the creation of the Working Group in 1993, which at that time was dedicated exclusively to the publication of Forum News. The current activities of the WG were then discussed:

• Website (https://www.europeanforum. org): AUVA is in contact with the service provider for the maintenance and updating of the site, while the running costs will be shared annually until 2026 between AUVA, DGUV and EUROGIP. It was agreed to pass the baton to other organisations and to discuss the matter at the next General Assembly (June 2025, Luxembourg).

• Forum News: while the Summer 2024 issue is mainly dedicated to the conference organised in Zagreb on the theme "Be fit for the digital age", the December issue will be dedicated to the prevention of occupational risks, with reference to the creation of a new Working Group on this topic, as agreed in Zagreb.

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An important aspect of the meeting was the search for a new name for the European Forum, which was considered to be too long. Several proposals were considered, including replacing the terms "accidents at work and occupational diseases" with "occupational injuries". The General Assembly, which brought together all Members of the European Forum, took note of the proposals and finally decided that it was necessary to revisit the issue and work with the Legislation Working Group to comply with the Statutes. Finally, the Group approved the proposal to study aspects related to the communication carried out by Member organisations (strategies, dedicated resources, campaigns, etc.) or, more generally, the communication related to the insurance and prevention of occupational risks in Europe. As in the case of the other Working Groups (Legislation, Digitalisation, Occupational diseases), the Communication Group will also study current issues.

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