



Presentation 6: Sharing your knowledge and experience



Why share with others?

- **Lack of important scientific information** on worker health and safety specific to nanomaterials exposure = very little information on impacts on human health
- **Need to empower health and safety representatives** in engaging with employers: worker protection, worker participation, business decisions, risk assessment
- **Need for dialogue** between employers, employees, regulators, civil society, research and design communities = safe by design (design out hazardous substances)



Image:

<http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/418284.article>



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What information to share?

- Key information that will help build a **better application of occupational health and safety**
 - Where are nanomaterials used? (which sectors, companies, uses)
 - Information on how things worked well or not well in introducing (or not) nanomaterials in your workplace: what questions did you ask your employer? What information did you request? What response/information did you get? What employee health surveillance has been introduced in your company?
 - Information to help with risk assessment (exposure activities, times): what information has come from the risk assessment done in your company?



Image:
<http://www.consumerinformation.ca/eic/site/032.nsf/eng/home>

Make sure that there is an official corporate record of the questions asked about worker health and safety: in general risk assessment activities, not just on nanomaterials



Who to share information with?

- In **your company**:
 - Your fellow workers and colleagues
 - Health and safety representative/s
 - Senior management
- In **your sector**
 - Sectoral trade union health and safety staff
 - Local/regional health and safety staff
- In **your country**:
 - National trade union federation
- At **European level**:
 - European Works Councils
 - European Trade Union Institute health and safety team (emails to nano@etui.org)



Reference:
Directive 94/45/EC
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:31994L0045>
Image: <http://nsemo.org/response-recovery>



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