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**Toolkit for Implementation European Directive on  
Prevention From Sharp Injuries**

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# COMMON KEY OBJECTIVES

- **Elimination of sharps injuries**
- **Implementation of safe working practices (including the elimination of unsafe practices and the acceptance of engineering controls that minimise the risk).**
- **Improved reporting and surveillance systems**
- **Greater awareness of the hazards associated with sharps injuries**
- **Worker (through their trade unions) and stakeholder involvement**



# KEY NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS DIRECTIVE

- **Trade Unions (united!)**
- **Manufacturers**
- **Regulators**
- **Progressive employers**
- **Other professional bodies**



# LOCAL COALITIONS

- **Trade Unions (Safety Reps)**
- **Health & Safety Managers**
- **Risk Managers**
- **Occupational Health Nurse**
- **Infection Control Nurse**
- **Representatives from other key occupational groups (e.g. surgeons)**

# EXTENDING THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF DIRECTIVE TO OTHER WORKERS

- **The principles of risk management and prevention applies to all workers, not just health workers**
- **All employers are obliged to do all they can eliminate life threatening hazards.**
- **Directives 89/391 and 2000/54 applies to health workers, not just health workers.**
- **What is good practice for protecting health workers, must be good practice for all**

