



Agreement on Prevention from Sharp Injuries in the Hospital and healthcare Sector

European Biosafety Network

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- Background: European Parliament debate and Resolution;
- 2006-2007 1st stage Consultation social partners;
- Replies express divergent views – but willingness to jointly explore;
- Technical Seminar – 7 February 2008
Presentation of case-studies –
Insight in complexities of problem;
- 2007-2008 2nd stage Consultation;
- HOSPEEM asks EPSU (European Public Sector Unions) whether they are willing to negotiate;
- Despite internal differences, EPSU agrees to negotiate an agreement on sharps.

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- Secretary Generals of HOSPEEM and EPSU meet Commissioner Špidla from DG Employment on 19th January 2009;
- European Commission agrees to drop their proposal to issue a directive on needlesticks;
- Commissioner Špidla agrees to allow the social partners to negotiate an agreement on sharps, with a 9 month deadline to conclude negotiations;

Appearance before the European Parliament



- HOSPEEM, CEEP and EPSU were invited by the European Parliament to appear to appear before them to answer questions on why the social partners wished to negotiate on a subject they had been working on for a number of years.

Thank you for your attention!