



Implementing the Directive 2010/32/EU in Finland

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How we are implementing the Directive 2010/32/EU in Finland

- 5.4.2011 the tripartite Committee decided to set up a sub-committee :
 1. to work out the correspondence between the directive and Finnish law and
 2. to make the required proposals to amend the legislation



Duties on the sub-committee

- **To make** 1) a proposal and 2) well-founded comparison and 3) correspondence chart on the relationship between the directive and the Finnish legislation
- **To draw up** a well-founded proposal on the need to add, amend or abate statutes required by the appropriate implementation of the directive in our country
- The sub-committee report will take into account views on the interpretation held by parties as well as the implementation situation in other EU countries



The timetable:

The sub-committee's initial deadline is September 2012.

The tripartite Advisory Committee in the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health will continue in October.



Challenges to the implementation and open issues

- We have in Finland already much legislation (17 different acts) and we cannot prescribe on the same issue twice.
- **Open issues** are :
 - the need to lay down provisions on free vaccination (including students),
 - the free provision of required prophylaxis and necessary medical test in accidents,
 - in the directive there are more detailed provisions on risk assessment than in our laws and
 - the practice of recapping shall be banned with immediate effect.



**At the same time, we have two revisions
to national legislation related to the
implementation of the directive**

- 1.** Communicable Diseases Act reform (2012- ?)
- 2.** Employment Accidents Act and Occupational Diseases Act reforms (2014 -?)




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- Thank you for your attention!

