

The recently constituted European Biosafety Network was established following the final adoption of the new European Directive on sharps injuries with a key commitment to improve the safety of patients and healthcare and non-healthcare workers. The Directive was drafted by the European Commission and adopted by the European Council of Ministers. It incorporates the EU Framework Agreement on sharps injuries, negotiated by the EU social partners EPSU and HOSPEEM, and also responds to a European Parliament report on needlestick injuries.

The Network consists of national and European professional institutions, representative associations, unions and other interested organisations committed to the elimination of sharps injuries throughout the EU. In order to achieve its goal, the Network started to work with a view to establishing measures, at EU level, aimed at increasing the education and training of healthcare and non-healthcare workers and promoting safer practices as well as providing the necessary safety engineered technologies.

This first EU Biosafety Summit is an important public expression of the European social commitment to the prevention of risks associated with blood-borne diseases, which have a huge impact on the health of the workers and the citizens of European Union.

AIMS OF THE SUMMIT

To improve the safety of patients and healthcare and non-healthcare workers by preventing the healthcare risks stemming from sharps injuries by the implementation of the newly adopted EU Directive applying the framework agreement for the prevention of injuries in the hospital and healthcare system.

1. To promote and analyse possible strategies for the implementation/transposition of the Directive that applies the Framework Agreement for the Prevention of Sharps Injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector.
2. To raise awareness at all levels of the importance of biosafety.
3. To promote best practice by devising the necessary measures to increase the education and training of workers, safer practice and providing the necessary safety engineered technologies in the field of biosafety.
4. To extend the implementation of the Directive as best practice to non-healthcare workers and occupational groups.

1st EUROPEAN BIOSAFETY SUMMIT

Venue: Auditorium. Premises of the Spanish General Council of Nursing

Address: Fuente del Rey, 2. 28023. Aravaca. Madrid (SPAIN)

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Organizes: European Biosafety Network



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Madrid

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CONSEJO GENERAL DE ENFERMERÍA
DE ESPAÑA



DAY 1

8:30 – 9:30

Registration and welcome

Auditorium. Premises of the Spanish General Council of Nursing

9:30 – 10:00

Opening session

Prof Dr Máximo González Jurado, Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Summit and President of the Spanish General Council of Nursing (CGE).

Mr Cliff Williams, Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Summit and Regional Secretary of UNISON.

Keynote Address - Trinidad Jiménez García-Herrera, President of the EU Health Minister's Council and Minister for Health and Social Policy, Spain.

10:00 – 10:30

Inaugural Conference

The new Directive on the prevention of Sharps Injuries in the framework of the EU policy on Health and Safety at work

Dr Jesús Álvarez Hidalgo, Principal Administrator. European Commission. "Health, Safety and Hygiene at Work" Unit - DG EMPL.F.4

10:30 – 12:00

1st Session. Biosafety: Ensuring the safety of patients and healthcare workers

Chair - Mr Cliff Williams, Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Summit and Regional Secretary of UNISON.

Ms Grete Christensen, President of the European Federation of Nurses Associations (EFN)

Mr Dave Prentis, General Secretary of UNISON and Senior Vice-President of the European Public Services Union (EPSU)

Mr Rudolph Cini, Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses (ICN)

Mr Stephen Hughes, MEP. Employment and Social Affairs Committee. European Parliament

12:00-12:30 Coffee break

12:30 – 14:00

2nd Session. New Directive applying the EU Framework Agreement for the Prevention of Injuries caused by Sharps in the Hospital and Healthcare Sector: analysis and assessment

Chair – Prof Dr Máximo González Jurado, Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Summit and President of the Spanish General Council of Nursing (CGE).

Dr Gabriella de Carli, Department of Epidemiology. National Institute for Infectious Diseases. Italy.

Mr Herbert Beck, University Hospital of Heidelberg and member of the German Trade Union Verdi. Germany.

Ms Karen Jennings, Chair of the EPSU's Healthcare Committee and UNISON's Head of Healthcare

14:00-15:00 Buffet Lunch

15:00 – 17:00

3rd Session: Biosafety experiences, legislation and the impact at European and international level

Chair – Mr Cliff Williams, Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Summit and Regional Secretary of UNISON.

Prof Dr Máximo A. González Jurado, Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Summit and President of the CGE

Mr David Benton, Executive Director of the International Council of Nurses

Dr Andreas Wittmann, Department of Safety Engineering. University of Wuppertal, Germany

Dr Janine Jagger. Professor of Internal Medicine. University of Virginia. USA.

DAY 2

9:30 – 11:00

4th Session: Biosafety evidence and Best practices

Chair – MSc Ms Encarnación Fernández del Palacio. Chief of Nursing. San Carlos Clinical Hospital. Madrid

Dr Agustín Rivero, Rey Juan Carlos University. Madrid

Mr Craig Bell, Policy Adviser. Hazardous Installations Inspectorate. Health and Safety Executive. UK

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00

5th Session. The European Biosafety Network:

- Structure, membership and work plan
- Draft implementation guidance and standards
- Strategies to ensure the transposition and implementation of the Directive
- European Biosafety Observatory
- European Biosafety Day
- A Call for Action

Chair - Mr Cliff Williams, Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Summit and Regional Secretary of UNISON.

Prof Dr Máximo A. González Jurado, Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Summit and President of the CGE

Mr Ian Lindsley, The Safer Needles Network and Member of the European Biosafety Network, UK.

13:00 Conclusions, next steps and Closing Address.

Chair - Mr Cliff Williams, Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Summit and Regional Secretary of UNISON.

Prof Dr Máximo A. González Jurado, Co-Chair of the European Biosafety Summit and President of the CGE

14:00 End of the Summit and Buffet Lunch