

Conference on protection and safety at work



Prishtina 30 November 2011 - The Union of Independent Trade Unions of Kosova (BSPK) has organized a **National Conference on the Security and Safety at Work, on November 25, 2011 at Emerald Hotel Pristina**. This activity is organized in partnership with Turkish employers organization MESS within the project funded by the European Commission (European Cooperation Bridges on Occupational Health and Safety – ECBOHS). In the conference participated Unions, the Women and Youth Network, representatives of International Unions, the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, Chamber of Commerce, Labor Inspectorate, European Commission Office in Kosovo, representatives of embassies, NGOs, local experts, international, etc.

This conference aimed raising awareness and taking necessary measures by employers and workers to raise the level of safety and health protection at work. They analyzed the current situation and challenges to European standards of safety and health protection at work.

October was declared by the EU as a month of health and safety at work. In this context, not just EU member states, but also those who have aspirations to join the EU, have organized and have undertaken a range of actions to promote and implement legislation on occupational safety and health and to sensitize the public about the importance of preventing and minimizing the risk of accidents at work.

Aykut Engin- Project Manager of ECBOHS said, " security job, health protection of employees and protection of the working environment is extremely important. Day by day, is being understood and interest being added to create safe places of work in which employees perform their work activities.

With the addition of care and increased investment to improve conditions, working environment and tools in which work in the workplace, will increase the benefits to the employer at the same time will also increase benefits for workers, stressed Aykut.

If there are safe working conditions, clean and healthy environment and appropriate medical treatment, then the employee has a job without stress, without fear and not burdensome, and that all together will affect the efficiency and quality reduce costs for treatment of workers.

Measures undertaken in collaboration with employees the employer to raise the level of safety, health and working environment at work, will certainly affect the reduction in the number of cases of accidents at work.

Shukrije Rexhepi from BSPK said that the protection and safety continues to be a problem throughout the world. In Kosovo, the protection and safety of workers Kosovo today, after so many years continues to be heavy and a workshop among the main concerns of Kosovo, protection and security is not satisfactory either in public or in private it's not talking informal sector. The main cause of such a state is primarily economic development rather low. Basri Ibrahim, chief inspector of the Inspectorate of Labor, said "Our combined goal is to accompany our actions to create safe workplaces, to be less affected than in reducing the number of injuries and to maintain the health of employees our.

"While Zineta Daci from Chamber of Economy said that in order to regulate this sector Assembly issued the Law 2003/19 on Occupational Safety, Health and Environment of Labor employees, which are set in thick stripes who enjoys safety work, health and working environment at work, what are the obligations, responsibilities of employers, employees and institutions to oversee the implementation of legal provisions on job creation of safe, clean and healthy.

Occupational safety, health enjoyed by all those who found work there with tasks, people in vocational training, vocational retraining persons, persons in rehabilitation, pupils and students who perform the practice, people in voluntary work, people in public works organized for the general interest, persons who engage in the penitentiary at work, employee administration, workers and supervisory institutions, law enforcement, civil servants, business, visitors and people who accidentally found the workplace.

At the end of this discussion, Basri Ibrahim Chief of Labor Inspectorate promised greater commitment and expects the support of all relevant factors to assist in the direction of advancing the health and safety at work, with the only aim to protect health, protect life, to raise the willingness to work to eliminate the fear and stress, to raise efficiency at work, to increase productivity, to increase the quality and conditions to be competitive in the market.. ***