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## **Press Release CYACE**

### **Successful Conference**

### **7th International Construction Safety and Health Conference**

### **and Exhibition of Equipment and Services**

***A step further to create a prevention culture to achieve Vision Zero***

### **Mission Possible!**

The 7th International Conference on Safety and Health in Construction entitled "Evolution or Revolution? The future is now! → Mission Possible!" was held on 5 and 6 November 2021 at the Hilton Nicosia, in Cyprus, under the auspices of the Minister of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance of Cyprus with great success and participation.

The Conference was organized by the Cyprus Association of Civil Engineers (CYACE) with Co-Organizers the International Social Security Association for the Construction Sector (ISSA-C) and the German Social Accident Insurance Institution for the Building Trade (BG BAU) and was supported by the Scientific and Technical Chamber of Cyprus (ETEK), the Department of Labour Inspection (DLI) and the International Safety and Health Construction Coordinators Organization (ISHCCO).

Construction Safety and Health is a priority for CYACE and this Conference aimed to the awareness and train of Engineers on Construction Safety and Health and Vision Zero Strategy as well as a to strengthening the communication between members of CYACE and especially the young engineers.

Despite the unprecedented and special conditions that our society is experiencing due to the pandemic COVID-19 and the uncertainty for tomorrow, the intention and the goal of the organizers was for holding the Conference to take place with physical presence, was achieved!

The Conference was part of the activities under the Global Vision Zero campaign of the ISSA Organization, which is supported by many other International Organizations and in which CYACE, ETEK and DLI are official partners. In addition, the "Vision Zero" prevention approach has been adopted by the European Commission through the new European Strategic Framework for Safety and Health at Work 2021-2027.

The Conference, which was actively attended by distinguished academics, professionals and scientists in the field of safety and health from Cyprus, Europe, Japan and the USA, aimed at highlighting and presenting innovative practical solutions to achieve the Vision Zero.



The opening of the Conference - on behalf of the Minister of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance - was announced by the Director General of the Ministry Andreas Zachariadis, while speeches were addressed by the President of ETEK Constantinos Constanti, the President of ISHCCO, Reinhard Obermaier and the President of CYACE, Andreas Theodotou.

The panel of the speakers of the Conference included distinguished professors and other experts on occupational safety and health from Cyprus, Europe, Japan and United States of America.

While the construction industry faces unique challenges from the global pandemic, the introduction of digitalization is an important milestone for safety and health, as it will offer modernization and smarter solutions for safer working conditions, savings, better quality and less impact on the environment, with the ultimate aim of zero accidents.

During the first day of the Conference, the topics «Covid-19 and Lessons Learned in the German Construction Industry», «Vision Zero - Experience», «Experience of the Project Players» and «Safety and Health integrated in BIM and other Practical Tools» were presented by twelve speakers.

During the second day of the Conference, the topics «Innovative Solutions», and «Digitalization in Construction» including the results of Practical Demonstration with Drone for occupational safety on construction sites were presented by six Speakers. Moreover, the participants had the opportunity to participate actively in the three parallel Workshops of the Conference: «Leadership commitment, using leading indicators», «How the pandemic changed the construction sector», «New ways in digitalization». The Conference ended with the presentation of the Results of the Workshops and a final discussion.

In parallel, during the two days of the Conference, an exhibition of specialized work equipment, innovative products and practical solutions as well as services related to construction safety and health took place.

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