



Manifesto of ISHCCO President

Building a Safer and Sustainable Future Together

Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

I am honored to assume the presidency of the International Safety and Health Construction Coordinators Organization. I take on this responsibility with a profound sense of duty and dedication to enhancing the role and elevating the position of Safety and Health Construction Coordinators.

The construction industry is a high-risk industry and our role as Coordinators is of high importance in protecting the lives and well-being of those who contribute to the construction of infrastructure including built environment.

In this manifesto, I outline my vision, priorities, and strategies for achieving our mutual objectives of creating a safer, healthier and sustainable construction industry and infrastructure.

Vision

Our vision for ISHCCO is to affirm our members' professional identity and collaborate with occupational safety and health (OSH) and construction professionals and institutions for a safer, healthier and sustainable construction industry and infrastructure.

Priorities

Our strategic priorities for achieving our Vision are the following:

1. Promote the role of ISHCCO and Safety and Health Construction Coordinators in Construction OSH

Our primary objective is to promote and enhance the role of ISHCCO and Safety and Health Construction Coordinators within construction OSH. We will persist in raising awareness of ISHCCO and promote active involvement of ISHCCO in decision-making bodies and organizations as the sole professional organization representing Safety and Health Construction Coordinators.

2. Regulation of Safety and Health Construction Coordinators' Qualifications

Advocating for the development and enforcement of a European Qualification Framework for Safety and Health Construction Coordinators is another key priority. We aim to promote the ISHCCO Qualification Framework and collaborate closely with construction industry stakeholders, regulatory bodies of the European Commission, and relevant academic institutions to raise awareness about the need to regulate qualifications for Safety and Health Construction Coordinators in Europe. This initiative is essential for ensuring a safer and healthier construction industry.

3. Enhancing Awareness and Education – Promotion of Prevention Culture

We aim to raise awareness and educate on construction OSH developments and innovations promoting the creation of a prevention culture. We will organize complimentary webinars and disseminate information about relevant seminars, congresses, and webinars hosted by others, to promote knowledge-sharing and professional development. Furthermore, we will support and promote awareness campaigns of European and International Organizations such as the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the International Social Security Association (ISSA).

4. Better construction OSH Regulation

Our fourth priority is to continuously enhance construction OSH regulation and standards considering emerging technologies and work forms. We will collaborate with European Commission regulatory bodies and construction industry associations to ensure that EU directives and standards are comprehensive, up-to-date, and uniformly applied. Furthermore, we will support and promote research and development initiatives that lead to safer construction methods, materials, and technologies.

Strategies

Our approach to addressing our priorities includes the following strategies:

1. Enhancing existing and Building New Partnerships

To achieve our objectives, it is essential to maintain and strengthen our existing partnerships while simultaneously establishing new ones with other European and International Organizations involved in the construction industry and OSH. To enhance our existing partnerships, we will initiate mutually beneficial activities such as seminars and webinars and actively participate in events organized by our partners. The new partnerships will include collaborations with Engineers' Chambers in Europe. Furthermore, we will collaborate with academic institutions interested in construction and OSH.

2. Enhancing communication with members, partners, and friends

Regular communication with our members, partners, and friends will enhance our collaboration and motivate them to align their efforts with the vision and priorities of ISHCCO. This collaboration is essential to promote ISHCCO and its role in improving construction OSH. Our members, partners and friends will serve as ambassadors of our vision and priorities.

Conclusion

Dear Colleagues,

As we continue this journey of establishing a Professional Organization representing and promoting Safety and Health Construction Coordinators, I am confident that together we can move forward towards a safer, healthier and sustainable construction industry and infrastructure. Promoting construction OSH, we not only protect the lives and well-being of construction workers but also contribute to the sustainability of our industry, infrastructure and society. I extend an invitation to all members of ISHCCO to join me in this noble mission, and I look forward to working with each of you to build a safer, healthier and sustainable future for all.

Thank you.



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