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## Acronyms and abbreviations frequently used

CARSAT	Caisse d'assurance retraite et de la santé au travail - Retirement and Occupational Health Insurance Fund
CGSS	Caisse générale de sécurité sociale - Overseas Health Insurance Funds
CNAM	Caisse nationale de l'assurance maladie - National Health Insurance Fund
DRP	Direction des risques professionnels (CNAM) - the Occupational Risks Department of the CNAM
INRS	Institut national de recherche et de sécurité pour la prévention des AT/MP - National Research and Safety Institute for prevention of occupational injuries

The **Health-Occupational Risks Insurance**, also referred to as the **Occupational Injuries Branch** or the **Occupational Risks Branch**, comprises the Occupational Risks Department (within the National Health Insurance Fund CNAM), the French national research and safety institute INRS, EUROGIP, the risk prevention and premium rating services of the CARSAT funds, the Ile-de-France Regional Health Insurance Fund (CRAMIF) and General Social Security Funds (CGSS), the sections in charge of examining occupational injuries cases and paying compensation to victims in the primary health insurance funds (CPAM) and CGSS, and the medical service.

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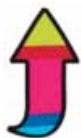
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# IDENTITY CARD OF EUROGIP



## CREATION

November 1991



## STATUS

Public interest grouping (Groupement d'intérêt public, GIP) between CNAM and INRS



## RESOURCES

National Fund for prevention of accidents at work and occupational diseases and  $\pm 20\%$  from contracts signed with the French government and the Community authorities



## TEAM

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## OUR "RAISON D'ÊTRE"

In Europe, each year, there are around 2.5 million accidents at work, 3,500 of which are fatal. Occupational health issues are estimated to cost at least €145 billion.

The battle to improve this situation must first be won upstream. This requires developing deeper knowledge and exploring the best means of action, in France but also internationally.

This is EUROGIP's "raison d'être". It is both an observatory and a resource centre on best practices for occupational injury prevention and insurance on the international level and especially in Europe.

In this context, EUROGIP performs various activities which all have as their common denominator the prevention or insurance of occupational injuries. The goal is to share knowledge and support the work of the Health-Occupational Risks Insurance.



## OUR NETWORK

EUROGIP is the international representative of the Health-Occupational Risks Insurance, also referred to as the Occupational Injuries Branch or the Occupational Risks Branch. This Branch implements an occupational injury and disease management policy via three complementary missions: prevention, compensation and risk premium rating (please see p. 2).

On the international level, EUROGIP has established and developed over the years a solid network of correspondents, notably in the European bodies and national organizations concerned by our activities. In particular, it is one of the founding members of the European network of OSH experts involved in standardization, Euroshnet, and since 1992 it has actively taken part in the work of the European Forum of Insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases.



**To find out more**

<http://www.eurogip.fr/en/2012-12-17-10-52-33/who-are-we>



# questions to Raphaël Haeflinger, Director

## What is your view of 2017 in general?

The working world is undergoing a transformation. It is not inappropriate to speak of a fourth industrial revolution. Apart from the activities which are continued from year to year, much of our work in 2017 reflects this development. The digital economy was focused on closely, whether in relation to the protection of online platform workers, atypical working hours linked to the new forms of work, or preventive measures to be taken with regard to collaborative robotics, when humans and robots share the same work area. There is also a revolution in the field of standardization, with work on production of the first international standard on Occupational Health and Safety Management, ISO 45001, in which we took part on behalf of the Occupational Risks Branch. Evolution, too, in ways of thinking about occupational risk prevention, with the EUROGIP Discussions on the relation between occupational safety and health and corporate performance. All this work, and other work also, to my mind announces the developments which are currently taking place.

## A certain amount of work was performed to contribute to the thinking of your institutional partners?

Indeed, that is especially true for 2017, and can partly be explained by the transformation of the working world that I have just mentioned. We note definite progress in ways of preventing risks at work, and in the organization of occupational injury and disease insurance. There is a great need to understand the major issues which are at stake not only in France but elsewhere, too. Our activities of monitoring, detailed analysis of insurance systems and sometimes even technical matters, such as disability scales in the event of occupational injuries and diseases, or retention in employment, are increasingly used for decision making.



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## What outlook for 2018?

The subject of statistics relating to occupational injuries will be important. This is because the figures on incidence rates and spending on accidents at work and occupational diseases are not always understandable, especially when they are not placed in perspective relative to the prevailing systems. And yet they are frequently used as indicators to position France relative to other countries. We therefore have efforts to make in this area. On the European level, EUROGIP is involved in two major dossiers sponsored by the European Commission: the creation and development of a European occupational safety and health information system and the production of harmonized statistics regarding occupational diseases. This work, started in 2017, will continue in 2018. We are also pleased to have been chosen by EU-OSHA through an invitation to tender to take part in its future 2020-2022 campaign on the prevention of musculoskeletal disorders.



# SALIENT EVENTS OF OUR ACTIVITY IN 2017

## Studies and surveys

- Risk prevention in the field of collaborative robotics on the international level
- Detecting occupational cancers
- OSH in the domestic help sector in Europe
- Studies in support of our institutional partners

## MONITORING AND INFORMATION ON OCCUPATIONAL RISKS IN EUROPE

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- EUROGIP infos
- Documentation watch and assistance in the area of occupational injury insurance and prevention

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- European Forum of Insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases
- Euroshnet
- Outside contributions and speeches

## OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDIZATION

- Coordination of the “standardization” experts network
- Strategic control of the activity
- Forms for reporting OSH issues
- Participation in standardization work on OSH management
- “Webport”

## PROJECTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- Creation and development of a European OSH information system
- Mental health in the construction sector
- A new methodology for gathering European occupational diseases statistics
- MSD campaign 2020-2022
- Projects in support of our institutional partners

## COORDINATION OF THE “MACHINERY” AND “PPE” NOTIFIED BODIES

- French Coordination “Machinery”
- French Coordination “PPE”
- Certification of notified bodies



## Studies and surveys

*The studies/surveys, produced in the form of comparisons between countries or single-country monographs, concern in particular insurance conditions and OSH statistics.*

*They are usually performed at the request of our founding members (CNAM-DRP, INRS) to cast a European spotlight on a topical issue in France or within the framework of the European Forum of Insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases.*

*The work is based on bibliographic research, often supplemented by requests to foreign correspondents who are experts on the issue being dealt with. The results give rise to the publication of thematic memos and reports available on our website [www.eurogip.fr](http://www.eurogip.fr) free of charge.*

### Risk prevention in the field of collaborative robotics on the international level

After being involved in the work initiated by the National Directorate of Labour (DGT) of the French Ministry of Labour, EUROGIP summarized international research on collaborative robotics and the occupational risk prevention measures to be implemented. Collaborative robotics concerns robots capable of interacting with human beings as part of industrial processes. Humans and robots thus share the same work area in performing all or part of their work, whereas a “conventional” industrial robot is characterized by its physical remoteness and the fact that there is no collaboration with a human being. The approach aimed at isolating and responding to occupational risk factors is still merely in its early stages. The EUROGIP memo published in December emphasizes a series of works which form an already sound base.

### Detecting occupational cancers

The “Occupational Diseases” group of the European Forum of Insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases, led by EUROGIP, continued its work on systems for detecting occupational cancers, whether it be post-occupational monitoring or proactive research systems targeting certain cancers in particular. This study will lead to the publication of a report in 2018.

### OSH in the domestic help sector in Europe

Both in homes and in institutions, this sector is now the most accident-prone in France, and its activity is destined to increase. EUROGIP investigated the prevention policies developed in other European countries to limit this incidence rate. The aim is to identify possible levers, processes and dynamics in terms of information, training and capability for reaching a public that is hard to access, because it is often employed by private individuals, isolated, and not necessarily highly skilled. The various quantitative and qualitative research campaigns carried out since November 2017 will lead to the publication of a memorandum in 2018.

## — Studies in support of our institutional partners

### Permanent disability compensation scales

As part of the work of the occupational injury and disease scale updating committee (instituted by a decree of 9 February 2016) and at the request of the DRP (Occupational Risks Department), EUROGIP studied both the nature of the European scales (organized in terms of injuries or disorders) and the way in which these scales recognize occupational harm.

### Digital platforms and OSH coverage of workers

Given the changing labour market, EUROGIP surveyed the members of the European Forum of Insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases regarding the way in which digital economy workers are covered and the social responsibility of electronic relationship management platforms. Eleven countries answered the questionnaire. The work will continue. Along the same lines, EUROGIP monitored the initiative launched by the European Commission regarding the European Pillar of Social Rights on access to social protection for all workers, irrespective of the form of the job held. It informed the DRP of this with a view to a possible positioning of the Occupational Injuries Branch and took part, as an observer, in a meeting held by the European Commission in December.

### Occupational injury and disease insurance parameters and comparability of European statistics

Statistics are often used to compare France with other European countries. However, in OSH, they are difficult to compare without taking into account the fundamentals of the insurance systems. That is why EUROGIP produced a memo for the DRP to avoid analysis biases during these comparison exercises.

It also points to the weaknesses of harmonized data on the European level, mentioned by the European institutions themselves, and the work in progress to determine reliable comparison indicators.

### Analysis of OSH spending in France, Germany and Italy

EUROGIP compared spending by France, Germany and Italy in the area of occupational risk prevention. It highlighted differences in the spending structures of the three national OSH insurers (CNAM, INAIL, DGUV), and specific spending items: research, management costs, subsidies, etc.

### Incidence rate statistics in the construction sector in Europe

At the request of the Ile-de-France regional health insurance fund (CRAMIF), EUROGIP studied the statistics collected by the competent national organizations of EU Member States and submitted to Eurostat as part of the European Statistics on Accidents at Work (ESAW) programme. These statistics include: accidents that resulted in at least four days' sick leave or the victim's death within a period of one year, traffic accidents (while travelling for work), and accidents occurring outside the firm. The following are excluded: commuting accidents which are covered by additional statistics, and accidental injuries occurring in the workplace but due to strictly natural causes, such as heart or brain accidents.





## Monitoring and information on occupational risks in Europe

*Regulatory documents, standards, national policies, statistics, organizations' activities, publications, etc.: monitoring is performed on OSH, risk prevention and injury insurance on the international and Community level and in EU Member States. The objective is to input data for the work by EUROGIP and the Health-Occupational Risks Insurance, or to reply to outside requests. Numerous sources are consulted: websites, social networks and specialist OSH reviews. But EUROGIP is backed up especially by a large network of foreign correspondents who are experts in their fields.*

### “Débats d'EUROGIP”: Health and safety at work, a performance lever for companies

The Discussions of 2 March 2017 aimed to show the link between OSH and corporate performance. According to the experts who introduced the conference, OSH experts/institutions should adopt the language of the decision makers and demonstrate to them that OSH generates quantifiable, direct and measurable benefits for the enterprise, or more immaterial benefits such as well-being at work, the corporate image, productivity, quality, etc.

This educational exercise is all the more necessary in that occupational risk prevention is often perceived, especially in SMEs, as representing “an immediate cost for results that are generally perceptible only later”.

To convince company managers to go beyond the mere regulations and include risk prevention in their overall performance strategy, it seems advisable - or even necessary - to provide them with statistics. Hence the interest of various studies, including that by the International Social Security Association (ISSA) which shows, for example, that on average €1 invested in prevention yields a return of €2.20.

Company representatives then testified to this return on investment in the field, backed up by figures, in terms of both prevention of chemical risks or occupational injuries, or more generally a new approach to raising awareness of prevention based on well-being, health and overall performance.

For the trade unions, the quantification of prevention policies appeared difficult due to indirect costs, but nevertheless necessary, and also as “a motivating framework which encourages good practices”.

To conclude, the representatives of the national risk insurance and prevention organizations in France (DRP) and Germany (DGUV) agreed to consider simplicity as a guarantee of effectiveness in demonstrating that occupational risk prevention is profitable.

Press release published just after the conference and Proceedings published in June 2017 are available at [www.eurogip.fr](http://www.eurogip.fr)



Each year since 2003, EUROGIP has organized a conference, aimed at expressing a European viewpoint regarding a topical issue in occupational injury and disease prevention or insurance and facilitating the exchange of information and good practices between stakeholders.

## — EUROGIP infos

EUROGIP Infos, available in French and English, is both a platform of information on occupational risks in Europe at [www.eurogip.fr](http://www.eurogip.fr) and the monthly newsletter which can be subscribed to free of charge.

The information is organized in several sections: Community news, Standardization news, Country news and Conference schedule.

The articles which aroused most interest in 2017 included:

- A European framework agreement on active ageing at work;
- FRANCE: The parliamentary task force on job burn-out publishes a provisional report;
- Expected publication of ISO 45001 in 2018, despite the opposition of seven countries including France.

## — Documentation watch and assistance in the area of occupational injury insurance and prevention

Monitoring, which is an essential part of EUROGIP's work, concerns the legislation, regulations, standards, bodies and organizations, and publications, survey results and events relating to occupational risk insurance and prevention in Europe.

In 2017, topics monitored with special attention included the preparation of the ISO 45001 standard, changes in the European legislation on occupational cancers, the European Pillar of Social Rights, job burn-out, the factory of the future, and the retention in employment of people who are accident victims or are afflicted by chronic diseases.

The monitoring results are used internally to input data for publications and works, but also to reply to documentalists and engineers in CARSAT, and to employers, safety managers, employees, students, members of OSH Committees ("CHSCT"), researchers, etc. who apply to EUROGIP, notably regarding cases of good practices in other countries.

Note, too, more substantial research in reply, for example, to the request of the DGUV (Germany) regarding the aerotoxic syndrome of flight personnel. The aim was to find out whether France had done research on this subject and whether cases had been recognized as occupational injuries.



EUROGIP infos, as well as all the EUROGIP publications, but also the EU official Documents about health and safety at work are available for free at [www.eurogip.fr](http://www.eurogip.fr)



## Public relations and communication

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*EUROGIP applies an active policy of communication, dialogue and circulation of information to its French and European partners and stakeholders in its field of expertise. Transparency and openness play a major role in establishing trust with a view to networking, which is the very source of all the activities and benchmarks produced. For this reason, EUROGIP is deeply involved in the working groups of the European Forum of Insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases, and in the European standardization network Euroshnet.*

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### — Bilateral relations between France and Germany

For some years now, meetings have been held between the DGUV and DRP/EUROGIP on topical news on either side of the Rhine. In July 2017, a meeting in Berlin provided an opportunity to discuss the following subjects: legislative and regulatory developments impacting OSH insurance schemes or the Social Security system more generally; impact of digitalization, new forms of work and work platforms; further discussion of the study "Return on Work Reintegration Study: Methodology overview and results of German pilot study" presented at the EUROGIP Discussions in March 2017; proposal to set up a new bilateral working group on the issue of domestic help and personal health care.

### — European Forum of Insurances against accidents at work and occupational diseases

This European Forum brings together the competent national organizations which defend a specific insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases. EUROGIP is notably involved in: the "Occupational Diseases" group which it coordinates and which was entrusted a new mandate in 2016 on systems for detecting occupational cancers (see "Studies and surveys"); maintenance and updating of the website ([www.europeanforum.org](http://www.europeanforum.org)), of which it is in charge; and Forum News, a publication for which it is the French correspondent.

### — Euroshnet

As a member of the Steering Committee and the permanent secretariat of Euroshnet (the European network of experts working in OSH organizations in Europe and involved in standardization, testing and certification), EUROGIP took part in various meetings and in initial thinking for the 6th European conference planned for 12 to 14 June 2019 in Dresden, on the theme "Be smart and stay safe - innovative products and workplaces".

Moreover, the directors of the KAN, INRS and EUROGIP - all three founding members of Euroshnet - met in November 2017. Apart from decisions concerning the European network, they discussed the Joint Declaration of Berlin, Industry 4.0 and the industry of the future, ISO 45001, and standardization in health care services.

## — Outside contributions and speeches

Based on its expertise and its activities, EUROGIP is called on by numerous players to take part in certain work, present its studies or speak on subjects coming within its area of expertise. In 2017, for example, the following activities may be mentioned:

- Reception of a delegation of 25 people from the Chinese State Directorate General for occupational safety addressed by AFNOR and interested in EUROGIP, the role of the Branch in OSH standardization, and the incidence rate of occupational injuries in France, especially in the chemicals sector.
- Participation in the work of the Commission (provided for in Article L 176-2 of the Social Security Code and which meets every three years) that evaluates the cost for the "Diseases" Branch of under-reporting of occupational injuries in order to present data in other European countries and pinpoint France's position, notably regarding occupational diseases.
- Contribution to the writing of an article in the review entitled "Central European journal of occupational and environmental medicine" on a comparison in terms of occupational diseases in Belgium, the Czech Republic and Hungary.
- Participation in production, under the aegis of the French Ministry of Labour, of a risk prevention guide for the integrators of collaborative robotics cells which summarizes the obligations of the various economic stakeholders and proposes a risk analysis methodology for collaborative robotics applications. Also, participation in production of the technical guide to overall machinery modifications which aims to summarize users' obligations in this area.
- Presentation of a topical review of standardization to "work equipment" correspondents of the CARSAT funds and INRS on the subjects of machinery, lifting equipment, control systems, etc.
- Writing of an article on "Retention in employment of occupational injuries victims: what practices among our neighbours?" at the request of EN3S ("École supérieure de la Sécurité sociale") in its "Regards" review on the approaches chosen by Germany, Switzerland, Denmark and the Netherlands.
- Hearing within the framework of two IGAS ("Inspection des Affaires sociales") reports on evaluation of: the 2014-2017 objectives and management agreement ("Convention d'objectifs et de gestion" - COG) between the state and the Occupational Injuries Branch and prospects for production of the future COG; the effectiveness of the French schemes for retention in employment and the prevention of occupational deintegration.
- Speeches:
  - In a training session organized by IR Share for personnel of the Suez European Works Council on the main features of OSH insurance in Europe.
  - In CARSAT Centre-Val-de-Loire on the recognition of MSDs in Europe on the one hand, and the link between occupational risk prevention and corporate performance on the other hand;
  - At a meeting organized by Laboratoire Assurance Banque (CercleLab), an independent organization for business discussions and strategic thinking, on the theme of "risk prevention, a performance lever for the enterprise".
  - At the request of the COCT on "Risk prevention in the digital era", with a prospective overview and a review of changing occupational risks and prevention opportunities.
  - At the Préventica show in Strasbourg, in a context of the emergence of ISO 45001, in conjunction with CARSAT Nord-Est on the theme of "management and risk prevention". This conference was an opportunity to discuss the service offering of the Occupational Injuries Branch in the area of risk prevention management (see p.15).



# Occupational health and safety standardization

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*EUROGIP coordinates the work of the occupational health and safety experts that the Occupational Risks Branch deploys for the production of European and international standards in the area of OSH. It provides these experts with multiform assistance, finances the work of French commissions in certain defined fields, and performs follow-up of surveys within the Branch on draft standards submitted for probative enquiry. EUROGIP is also the sole contact point for the standardization offices, and takes part in the various French, European and international strategic bodies.*

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## Coordination of the “standardization” experts network

### Coordination and assistance for the experts

In 2017, EUROGIP coordinated the activity of about 80 occupational health and safety experts of the Branch (CNAM, CARSAT/CRAMIF, INRS and EUROGIP) who took part in standardization work on the European level (CEN and CENELEC), the international level (ISO and IEC) and the French level in the area of machine safety, workplaces and physical environments, personal protective equipment, construction, strategic standardization aspects and cross-cutting issues.

To help them in their work, EUROGIP provides the experts with various tools:

- Normabase (overhauled extensively in 2017), which gives access to the progress status of OSH standards currently being prepared;
- Norm'Actions, the “who does what” in standardization in the Branch, which has been circulated in more than 280 copies;
- Subscriptions to linguistic reviews and training courses in French, European and international standardization systems for new experts.

EUROGIP has also paid the annual membership rights of experts in standardization committees or groups managed by mechanical engineering standardization association UNM (Union de Normalisation de la Mécanique), French Association AFNOR and AFNOR-DELEC for the field of electrotechnologies in which the position to be put forward is prepared.

### The “Standardization Plenary”

EUROGIP held the “Standardization Plenary” on 24 November 2017 with about fifty people (standardization experts, directors, heads of department, engineers, safety inspectors and referral agents). They were able to exchange ideas on various themes such as the industry of the future and collaborative robotics, standards on exposure to nanomaterials and biological agents, OSH management systems and the changing status and role of CEN consultants for harmonized standards.

### Supervision and coordination of investigations on standard projects

The procedure of internal consultation on draft standards undergoing investigation enabled the Branch to express 15 collective opinions, including 12 on machine safety (construction, lifting and handling machines, etc.), 1 on workplaces and physical environments, 1 on miscellaneous cross-cutting issues and 3 in the construction sector.

## — Strategic control of the activity

In standardization, it is better not to practise an empty chair policy. Accordingly, so that the Occupational Injuries Branch is always represented, EUROGIP alerts the CNAM and INRS regarding the creation of working groups and expert replacement needs, and has started appointing “standardization referral agents” in CARSAT funds. These agents will be called on notably to provide a link with the field, within the framework of enquiries on draft standards (see above) and when searching for an expert on an important subject.

EUROGIP coordinates preparation of the Branch's positions and replies to the numerous requests for proposals for the creation of new bodies (ISO committee on packaging machines, smart protection equipment, etc.) and the launch of new French, European or international projects (artificial intelligence, laser radiation, road risk management, etc.).

Moreover, a special effort was made in 2017 to be vigilant regarding:

- The emergence of new standardization issues or bodies, projects underway (including probative enquiries), and revision of existing standards on fields invested or not;
- Increased use of new formats of normative documents, such as workshop agreements, produced very rapidly without the participation of all the stakeholders, which requires attentive monitoring and, if necessary, the Branch's coordinated participation;
- Growing involvement of standardization in non-technical fields such as OSH services or management systems and the globalization of work. These changes are so many challenges to be faced. EUROGIP's attentive monitoring of standards in the social and societal field allows the Occupational Injuries Branch to be positioned as far upstream as possible in the process.

On some subjects, also, specific information was provided for the Standardization Steering Committee (representatives of the Branch organizations), such as the subject of foundry machines promoted internationally under the leadership of the Chinese standardization organization SAC, or the reorganization of French work (AFNOR) following the enactment of Act 2016-1088 which requires the detection of asbestos before work in six fields of activity.

Finally, EUROGIP maintained its capability for weighing on the normative consensus and influencing standardization strategy by taking part in the strategic bodies in which the main OSH standardization guidelines are decided: AFNOR strategic policy committees on 'Health and Safety' 'Management and Services' and 'Health Care', the 'Industry of the future' strategic impetus group, the European Strategic Advisory Body for Occupational Health and Safety standardization (CEN SABOHS) and the European 'Advisory Nucleus' committee for machinery. It is a member of the AFNOR “Cercle des coordonnateurs normalisation” allowing an exchange of good practices in standardization between representatives of large groups and government departments.

## — Forms for reporting OSH issues

The Occupational Risks Branch contributes to machinery market surveillance by means of the system of “data sheets for handling risk prevention problems” established in 2006. These sheets are produced by the CARSAT personnel. They make it possible to use information following a field observation or incidents/accidents concerning manufacturers, or else, for a given product, to ascertain the absence of standards, a measure provided for but not applied, or else insufficient. The initiatives taken by the Branch have thus made it possible, over a more or less long period, to bring manufacturers into compliance and improve existing European standards.

## — Participation in standardization work on OSH management (ISO 45001)

Following the initiation of international standardization work in June 2013, the Occupational Risks Branch made arrangements to take part in the work of production of an ISO 45001 standard on “Requirements for Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems and guidelines for use”.

In 2017, EUROGIP maintained its participation, alongside the INRS, in international work (ISO/PC 283/WG1) and French work (AFNOR X82A standardization committee) to ensure that the draft is in accordance with the major French OSH principles, with European directives and with the guidelines of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

After two internal enquiries at ISO, the draft standard underwent two public enquiries.

The second enquiry, in the summer of 2017, ended with a positive international vote and around 1,500 comments. EUROGIP actively took part in the French meetings and in two international meetings to handle these comments and prepare the draft which was sub-

mitted for a final vote at the end of 2017.

As part of the work on this future standard, EUROGIP produced an overview of the system in Germany to assist volunteer firms in the establishment of an occupational safety and health management system.

Furthermore, the Occupational Injury and Disease Commission (CAT/MP) requested that EUROGIP form a working group bringing together social partners and experts of the Branch to predict the impacts of the standard and define analysis grids. This group met on four occasions, thus making it possible to draw up a memo on the Branch's offer.

In particular, it was proposed that the Branch take advantage of the ISO 45001 publication to produce a comprehensive service offering in the field of risk prevention, possibly adapted to the needs of the various sectors of activity, with the support of the National Technical Committees (CTN), targeting SMEs in particular. The CAT/MP ratified the preparation of a programme based on these decisions.

## — “WEBPORT”

In partnership with the French Ministries of Labour and Agriculture, EUROGIP took part in updating the “Webport” database which contains all the published standards relating to health, safety and working conditions.

The 2017 version contains 50 new standards, giving a total of 1,975 published standards in force (in a French version and, where applicable, an English version).

The tool is made available to the documentation departments of the CARSAT and INRS and trade union and industry organizations, via the internet.



## Projects of community interest

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*EUROGIP takes part in projects of Community interest, usually funded by the European Commission. It replies to invitations to tender and requests for proposals and then, if it wins the contract, it coordinates the French or foreign experts taking part in the project, performs follow-up with the client, draws up work reports, etc. It can also perform services, either as a stakeholder in a European consortium, or as a subcontractor, on behalf of organizations which have themselves replied to said invitations to tender.*

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### Creation and development of a European OSH information system

EUROGIP was selected, with its partner Kooperationsstelle Hamburg IFE, to take part in the project launched in 2016 by the European Commission's DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion to design and develop a European information system in the area of occupational safety and health (OSH). In 2017, EU-OSHA worked on development of the viewing tool and provided a test version on two indicators: Occupational injuries and National OSH strategies. EUROGIP, for its part, worked on development of a short-list of indicators and on data collection in all the EU Member States. With Koop, they produced a storybook describing all the indicators selected, their content and their potential in terms of viewing in the future tool. All this work was submitted to the Commission at the national contact points, and to the tripartite working group, along with a survey to gather their comments. The project is set to be completed in 2018.

### Mental health in the construction sector

At the end of 2017, EUROGIP was requested to take part in a project subsidized by the European Commission and coordinated by the European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC) and the European Federation of Building and Wood Workers (EFBWW) on the subject of mental health in the construction sector. The project aims to:

- review the situation regarding psychosocial risks (PSRs) in the construction sector in several countries;
- monitor changes on the European level;
- gather and present examples of good practices;
- perform research on changes in working conditions in the construction sector;
- produce a "tool for evaluation" of PSRs at work, notably for SMEs in the construction industry.

EUROGIP has been mandated to establish an overview of the situation in France.



## — A new methodology for gathering European occupational diseases statistics

EUROGIP is a member of the “EODS Task Force” (European Occupational Diseases Statistics) set up by Eurostat in early 2017 to define a new methodology concerning European statistics on occupational diseases (ODs). This expert group met for the first time in March to identify the assignment and discuss the difficulties encountered with the old method. At the end of the year, the countries represented filled in a questionnaire to evaluate the problems of comparability of statistics. This questionnaire covered the system for recognition and compensation of ODs in each country, conditions of recognition for about 15 ODs, and the incidence rate and exposed populations.

## — MSD campaign 2020-2022

In December 2017, EUROGIP was requested to join a European consortium led by PANTEIA (NL). The objective was to reply to the invitation to tender from EU-OSHA, which is to select two to eight consortiums, which will help it produce reports, studies and surveys, within the framework of the 2020-2022 European campaign on the subject of prevention of musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs). This is a 3-year framework agreement. At the start of 2018, EUROGIP learned that the consortium of which it is a member had been selected.

## — Projects in support of our institutional partners

### Work disability prevention

At the request of the DRP, in June EUROGIP took part in the training seminar on work disability prevention held in Sweden by NIVA, the Nordic institute for continuing education in workplace health. This seminar covered operations in the work environment, prevention of absenteeism and the promotion of health in the enterprise.

In September, EUROGIP also organized for the DRP an assignment in Copenhagen on Danish policy regarding retention in employment. The discussions, with representatives of the Ministry of Labour, a job centre and a mentor, concerned the measures taken to prevent occupational deintegration, combat absenteeism and promote employment, and concerning the recent reform of daily benefits.

### International relations assignment of the Occupational Injuries Branch

The DRP decided to entrust coordination of the various international activities of the Occupational Risks Branch's organizations to EUROGIP. The objective is not merely to centralize and disseminate information concerning all these activities, but also to enhance recognition of them by the OSH Network and its partners. The assignment is set to begin in 2018.



## Coordination of the “Machinery” and “PPE” notified bodies

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*Under the authority of the French Ministries of Labour and Agriculture, EUROGIP manages the French Coordinations of Notified Bodies with the European Commission for the regulatory certification of personal protective equipment (PPE) and machinery. These Coordinations promote an identical interpretation of the OSH requirements of the directives, and aim to harmonize the practices of these notified bodies and ensure a high level of safety for the products certified. EUROGIP organizes exchanges of experience between the bodies, formats and keeps up-to-date the relevant information and the documents produced during these meetings, and collects the EC type examination certificates of the products certified by these bodies.*

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### **French Coordination of Notified Bodies for the regulatory certification of personal protective equipment (PPE)**

In 2017, EUROGIP organized five meetings of the General Committee. This Committee brings together the twelve notified bodies covering all the protective products and devices subject to the third-party conformity assessment procedures in accordance with the 89/686/EEC directive, as amended, and the various ministries concerned (Labour, Agriculture, Industry). These meetings are an opportunity to determine joint positions applicable by the French bodies, to prepare the French positions to be asserted on the European level, and to discuss the decisions taken during meetings between Member States.

In 2017, the work mainly concerned the implementation of the PPE 2016/425 Regulation published in early 2016, which will become applicable to the various economic operators (manufacturers, distributors, notified bodies, etc.) as of 21 April 2018. There was a special focus on the interpretation of the transition period between the Directive and the Regulation. At the end of 2017, a European Commission report proposed a new guideline. In parallel, the European Coordination of Notified Bodies, upon a proposal by the French Coordination, validated an “RfU” (Recommendation for Use) sheet relating to the transfer of “Directive” to “Regulation” certificates.

On the national level, EUROGIP revised all the French Coordination's sheets to adapt them to the new Regulation, and where appropriate eliminate those which were no longer relevant. New sheets were also added in response to the issues involved in implementation of the Regulation and accreditation of the French notified bodies.

The second subject of interest in 2017 was the accreditation of the French notified bodies: with the advent of the PPE Regulation, the French national authorities decided to change their method of notification, which will now involve an accreditation for notification. This fundamental change gave rise to meetings including the French accreditation committee COFRAC and the notifying authorities concerning application of the ISO 17065 accreditation reference system. The meetings, moderated by EUROGIP, made it possible to assist the French notified bodies in working out their operational admissibility dossier.

## — French Coordination of Notified Bodies for the regulatory certification of machinery

The General Committee (which brings together the six notified bodies for Machinery) met twice and the sector groups four times, at EUROGIP's initiative. These meetings allow exchanges of information between the ministries (Labour, Agriculture) and the notified bodies, especially on the decisions taken during European meetings between Member States. They also aim to solve the often complex technical problems still remaining, to integrate standardization work and to prepare the positions to be defended at meetings of the vertical groups and/or the Horizontal Committee of the European Coordination.

In 2017, the work of the Coordination concerned mainly:

- The revision of the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC, as amended: within the framework of the impact study carried out by the European Commission, a report summarized the replies obtained from the various economic operators questioned, in particular via the public consultation in which EUROGIP had taken part for the French Coordination of Notified Bodies. The revision of the Machinery Directive is confirmed, in order to comply with the new legislative framework.
- The operation of European market surveillance conducted on vehicle lifts: the results showed a large number of nonconformities on machinery put into operation. Apart from documentation defects, some lifts showed sometimes major technical nonconformities.
- Allowance for artificial intelligence in machinery: the French Coordination of Notified Bodies reflected on the means to be employed for EC type examinations. Since AI can evolve autonomously, it is recommended to evaluate the scenarios taken into account by the manufacturer and check the software part governing the artificial intelligence.

The EUROGIP website was updated regularly following the publication of new lists of harmonized standards and changes in the notified bodies; the proposed documents are useful to the notified bodies and the various players implementing the PPE and Machinery directives.

In 2017, EUROGIP also hosted a meeting of the European Coordination (sector group in charge of refuse collectors, point 13 of the machines in Annex IV).

## — Certification by notified bodies

EUROGIP collected the reports on EC type examination certificates issued by the notified bodies, and the decisions taken under Article 11 of the PPE Directive and Annex X of the Machinery Directive.

As regards PPE, more than 4,200 certificates or extensions of EC type examination certificates were issued in 2017.



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