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Glossary

- CARSAT:** Caisse d'assurance retraite et de la santé au travail / Retirement and Occupational Health Insurance Fund (previously CRAM)
- CGSS:** Caisse générale de Sécurité sociale / Overseas Health Insurance Funds
- CNAMTS:** Caisse nationale de l'assurance-maladie des travailleurs salariés / National Health Insurance Fund for Employees
- DRP:** Direction des risques professionnels de la CNAMTS / the Occupational Risks Department of the CNAMTS
- INRS:** Institut national de recherche et de sécurité / National Research and Safety Institute
- OH&S:** Occupational health and safety

THE HEALTH INSURANCE - OCCUPATIONAL RISKS, also called the **OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES BRANCH** of the French Social Security system, manages legal insurance against accidents at work, commuting accidents and occupational diseases for employees under the general Social Security system (industry, trade and services).

It implements occupational risk prevention policy.

The Branch comprises:

- the DRP of the CNAMTS,
- the Prevention and Risk-rating Departments of the CRAM/CARSAT and the CGSS (Caisse générale de Sécurité sociale / Overseas Health Insurance Funds),
- the INRS,
- the Occupational Injuries Benefits Departments of the Local Health Insurance Funds (CPAM) and the CGSS,
- the Medical Department at the national, regional and local level,
- and EUROGIP.

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EUROGIP in short

— **Mission:** Analysing aspects of prevention and insurance against occupational injuries at the European and the international levels

— **Activities:**

- Collaborating on projects of Community interest in the fields of occupational injury and disease insurance and prevention;
- Performing comparative surveys on occupational risks in Europe;
- Collecting, analysing and disseminating information on accidents at work and occupational diseases in Europe;
- Networking by developing public relations and communication;
- Coordinating a network of experts taking part in the production of European and international occupational health and safety standards;
- Coordinating Notified Bodies for the regulatory certification of personal protective equipment and machinery on the French level, and machinery on the European level.

— **Creation:** 1991

— **Staff:**

Director: Raphaël Haeflinger

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— **Status:** Public interest grouping (Groupement d'intérêt public, GIP) between CNAMTS* and INRS*

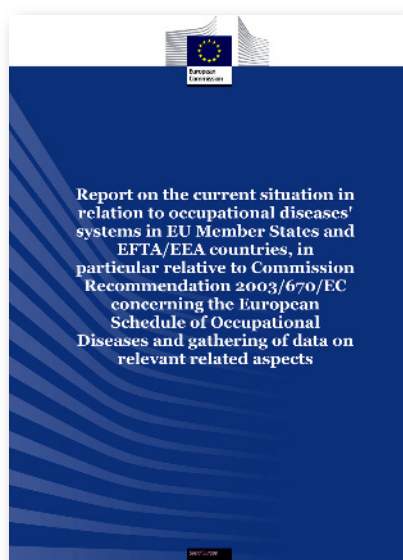
— **Administration:** Equi-representational board consisting of 10 incumbent members representing employers and employees
President of the Board: Anne Héger (MEDEF, employers)

— **Resources:** National Fund for prevention of accidents at work and occupational diseases ($\pm 70\%$), and contracts signed with the French government and the Community authorities ($\pm 30\%$)

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Cooperation on EU FUNDED PROJECTS

— Report on national occupational disease systems in 29 European countries



EUROGIP took part in the consortium, led by the German organization GVG, in charge of producing a report on occupational disease systems in EU and EFTA/EEA countries.

This was an invitation to tender by the European Commission (won in 2010) aimed in particular at bringing these systems closer to the

European list of occupational diseases and collecting data concerning associated relevant aspects. The first half of 2012 was dedicated to the final report submitted to the European Commission at the end of May. EUROGIP was in charge of drafting two important chapters: Aspects of the 2003/670/EC Recommendation of the Commission and Opinions and assessment of the stakeholders concerned. It also provided its expertise for proofreading the other chapters of the report. Two meetings were held with the consortium partners to finalize the entire report and make the changes or corrections requested by the European Commission.

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=9982&langId=en>

— Twinning cooperation with Tunisia

In 2011, EUROGIP was called on by GIP International Travail, emploi et formation professionnelle, to take part in an EU-funded twinning arrangement for the benefit of the Tunisian state. The project began in April 2012 and will last two years. It aims to “support the implementation and execution of the national plan for occupational injury and disease prevention”. More specifically, the aim is to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the national plan for occupational injury and disease prevention and, eventually, improve the Tunisian occupational risk prevention system by bringing it closer to European standards. Most of the assignments will take place in 2013.

— Participation in the “Working Environment” Topic Centre



EUROGIP has actively taken part in the work of the “Working Environment” Topic Centre of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) since the agency was set up in 2001.

The Topic Centre's role is to gather, assess and circulate information on current good occupational risk prevention practices in EU countries.

The work entrusted to EUROGIP in 2012 involved supervising the search for practical cases on the theme of well-being at work and taking part in drafting a report analysing the definition of “well-being at work” and the policies applied in the various EU Member States.

Performing SURVEYS ON OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES IN EUROPE

— Recognition of work-related mental disorders in Europe



The “Occupational Diseases” working group of the European Forum of Insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases, coordinated by EUROGIP, was mandated to study practices in ten countries (Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland) for recogni-

tion of the occupational nature of work-related mental disorders and compensation for damage. The report, published in early 2013, reviews recognized cases (statistics and typology), and the recognition of suicides at work as occupational injuries.

The work shows that all the countries covered by the study have recognized post-traumatic stress disorders as accidents at work for many years now, based on identical criteria (although expressed differently).

The recognition of mental disorders as occupational diseases is possible in five countries (six taking into account Spain and its concept of “non-traumatic conditions caused or aggravated by work”) by procedures and in volumes that are relatively heterogeneous. Note that in 2005 Denmark entered “post-traumatic stress disorder” in its new national list of occupational diseases. In the other countries, mental disorders can be recognized under a “complementary system” (Belgium, Spain, France, Italy) or a “proof system” (Sweden). In 2011, these systems allowed about 200 cases to be compensated in Denmark, about one hundred in France, 70 in Sweden and about ten in Italy.

In Germany, Finland and Switzerland, on the other hand, the recognition of mental disorders as occupational diseases is still impossible, for reasons in fact and in law.

[1] www.europeanforum.org

[2] http://eurogip.fr/images/documents/3483/Eurogip_recognition_of_work_related_mental_disorders_81EN.pdf

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— “Statistical Review of Occupational Injuries” by country

Since 2008, EUROGIP has produced “Statistical Reviews of Occupational Injuries” which present the official statistics relating to accidents at work, commuting accidents and occupational diseases in EU countries. The data sheets for each country, available online on the EUROGIP website, are in French and English. With five new data sheets published in 2012, on France (2010 and 2011 data), Portugal (2008 data), Ireland (2004-2010 data) and Germany (2009-2010 data), the “Statistical Reviews of Occupational Injuries” collection covered 13 European countries at the end of 2012.

— OH&S insurance systems outside the EU

After the United States and Japan, in 2012 EUROGIP studied **Switzerland** and **Turkey**.

The preparation of the sheet on the Swiss OH&S insurance system enabled EUROGIP to develop a deeper knowledge of case management, a subject entered in the addendum to the objectives and management agreement (“Convention d’objectifs et de gestion” - COG) of the Occupational Injuries Branch for 2013, and to prepare a meeting between CNAMTS-DRP* and the leading Swiss insurer Suva.

In Turkey, an EU accession country, note that the OH&S system is currently being modified and that the 89/391/EEC framework directive was recently transposed into national law.

— Prevention of professional exclusion and case management in Europe

Throughout the year, EUROGIP collected information to enrich and update its 2010 memo on the prevention of professional exclusion in six countries: Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and Quebec.

This information was supplemented by a comparative analysis of case management - an organized collaborative process for handling the most complex cases of accidents at work - in Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Belgium and Spain. The objective was to help the Occupational Injuries Branch become better acquainted with European models, in order to obtain inspiration from them. It committed itself to a programme of renovation of the system for prevention of desintegration and an experiment with case management. Various meetings were organized with the partners of these five European countries, moreover (see page 10).

— Topical issues relating to the Occupational Injuries Branch

As part of the work of the Occupational Injuries Branch, EUROGIP performed research on:

- Alert mechanisms in Spain and Belgium making it possible to identify, based on technological statistics, firms that exceed certain predetermined thresholds with regard to the accident rate at work;
- Ban on the use of perchlorethylene by dry cleaners in various European countries;
- The constitutionality of retirement due to painful working conditions in Austria.

The first two research projects were carried out at the request of CNAMTS-DRP* and the third for the Inspectorate General of Social Affairs (IGAS).

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— Accident rate indicators in Europe

The EU Member States have data relating to occupational injuries (figures, frequency rate, severity rate, etc.) based on which the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat) and the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) produce statistics on the European level. EUROGIP has examined the methodologies used to establish the statistical data and these various accident rate indicators. The study confirms the heterogeneous nature of the data, due to the diversity of sources. It underlines the difficulty, not only of comparing national sources based on different methodologies, but also of producing an overall view in Europe and positioning France's performance among the other EU countries. Too often, the comparison must be confined to the highest common denominator.

Moreover, the lack of harmonized European statistics on occupational diseases and the uneven application of the European methodology on occupational injuries do not make it possible to have a comprehensive European view of proven cases of accidents at work and occupational diseases.



Collecting, evaluating and disseminating INFORMATION ON OCCUPATIONAL INJURIES IN EUROPE

— The EUROGIP Discussions: “Detection and recognition of occupational diseases in Europe”

This was the theme of the EUROGIP Discussions (“Les Débats d'EUROGIP”) of 15 March 2012 (Paris). Occupational diseases are a matter of major concern in all European countries. This is also a more complex issue to deal with than occupational diseases, for several reasons:

- The risk is sometimes poorly identified;
- The latency period between exposure to the risk and the appearance of the disease may be as much as several decades;
- Difficulty in establishing the link between occupational exposure and the disease;
- Existence of multifactorial diseases: MSD, mental disorders and some cancers.



The conference was organized in the form of round table discussions. The first one concerned the handling of occupational diseases at the Community level, with a representative of the European Commission, the director of EU-OSHA from Bilbao, and representatives of the European social partners (ETUI and BUSINESSEUROPE). A second round table was devoted to useful actions and tools to identify the link between occupational exposure and the disease. On this subject, the representatives recognized the need for more involvement of general practitioners. The French tool SISTEPACA and the Spanish

tool SISVOL have been developed to assist them. Finally, the third round table brought together representatives of the Italian, Swedish, German, Spanish, Danish and Belgian OH&S insurance organizations. They reviewed the specific features related to their system and the difficulty of objectively establishing the occupational nature of diseases. There are major differences regarding both the number and type of diseases recognized as being of occupational origin.

The EUROGIP Discussions aim to provide the participants (mostly French) with a European perspective regarding a topical issue. The proceedings^[1] were published in June (available in French only).

— 4th EUROSHNET⁽²⁾ conference



This conference took place in Helsinki (Finland) from 26 to 28 June 2012 on the theme of “Stakeholder interaction - the key to product safety”.

It opened up new prospects and gave an overall view of all aspects of product safety with emphasis on networking. About 150 participants from about twenty countries, mainly European, agreed that in order to obtain safe products in Europe, all the stakeholders, from the designer to the user, should work together. The participants were invited to share their viewpoints and their experience in a “world café” and ten workshops, and imagine new modes of action and interaction for the future to improve product safety in European workplaces.

[1] http://www.eurogip.fr/images/documents/266/Actes_DebatsEUROGIP2012_MPEurope.pdf

[2] <http://www.euroshnet-conference.eu/>

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— Watch and documentary assistance in the area of occupational injuries and prevention

An important part of EUROGIP's assignments is to watch:

- Changes in Community legislation;
- News from European bodies;
- Changes in occupational risk prevention and insurance in Europe;
- Any structural changes in the prevention and insurance organizations of other EU Member States;
- News concerning publications, survey results, events, etc. relating to occupational risks.

The results serve as inputs for EUROGIP's work (surveys, publications, projects, etc.) and meet the information needs of the personnel of the Occupational Injuries Branch.

In parallel to this watch, EUROGIP provides documentary assistance for publics outside the Occupational Injuries Branch (company managers, documentalists, safety personnel, industrial doctors) in the field of occupational injury prevention and insurance.

In 2012, the issues monitored and questions received concerned various subjects such as the recognition of breast cancer as an occupational disease, occupational risk prevention in the waste recycling sector, branch agreements and electrical authorization in other EU countries, SMEs, psychosocial risks, early retirement schemes due to painful working conditions, and the mutual recognition of professional qualifications.

— Three electronic newsletters



EUROGIP published three electronic newsletters:

- EUROGIP infos: news on occupational risk insurance and prevention in Europe (quarterly)
- EUROGIP InfoMail: summary articles on occupational health and safety at the level of the Community and the EU Member States (monthly)
- Norm@prév: standardization-related activities regarding occupational health and safety (quarterly)

Publications, subscription and archives of the newsletters at www.eurogip.fr.

— New publications placed online

The following publications were placed online on www.eurogip.fr in 2012:

- Statistical Review of Occupational Injuries FRANCE (2011 data)
- Insurance against occupational injuries in Switzerland - Organisation and 2003-2011 statistical data
- Statistical Review of Occupational Injuries FRANCE (2010 data)
- 2011 Report on the standardization activity of the OH&S Network of the Occupational Injuries Branch
- Statistical Review of Occupational Injuries PORTUGAL (2008 data)
- Proceedings of the 2012 discussions: Detection and recognition of occupational diseases in Europe
- Statistical Review of Occupational Injuries IRELAND (2004-2010 data)
- 2011 Annual Report
- Statistical Review of Occupational Injuries GERMANY (2009-2010 data)
- Insurance against occupational injuries in Japan - Organisation and 2000-2010 statistical data.

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Networking by developing **PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATION**

— Relationships with organizations in the EU Member States, candidate States or neighbouring countries of the EU

European Forum of Insurance against accidents at work and occupational diseases

- EUROGIP was deeply involved in the “Occupational Diseases” working group of the European Forum, because it managed the study on recognition of the occupational nature of work-related mental disorders (see page 6), completed at the end of 2012.
- Another big job was the revamping of the European Forum's website (www.europeanforum.org), within the framework of a mandate entrusted to it in 2011. EUROGIP managed this upgrade in cooperation with the “Communication” working group of the European Forum.
- EUROGIP also contributed to the “Occupational injury statistics” working group, under the aegis of the AMAT (Association of insurance organizations in Spain), which is being set up. A first questionnaire sent to all the members of the European Forum made it possible to start defining the fields of investigation.
- As in previous years, EUROGIP took part in the production of Forum News, a newsletter published by the European Forum and available on the website (www.europeanforum.org), as the French correspondent of the publication.

Organization of bilateral meetings on the theme of case management

To help CNAMTS-DRP* with its thinking about establishing an experiment in this area, EUROGIP organized several meetings with experts from the competent organizations in Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain and Switzerland. This benchmarking showed that policies of personalized follow-up of people who are in the most complex situations following an accident at work are effective. The programme that it has been decided to establish in France will of course be based on foreign experience, but will take into account the specific features of the French system. The bilateral meetings were preceded by major work of analysis of the existing systems and memos summarizing the important points that could be useful to France in this experiment.

EUROSHNET



EUROGIP is a member of the Steering Committee of the European network of OH&S experts involved in standardization, testing and certification (EUROSHNET). It also coordinates the “General Questions” discussion forum on www.euroshnet.org and made a financial contribution to improving the site. In 2012, note, in particular, the organization of the fourth EUROSHNET conference which took place in Helsinki on the theme of “Stakeholder interaction - the key to product safety” (see page 8).

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— Franco-German “standardization” seminar

This seminar, intended for OH&S personnel involved in standardization, aimed at improving everyone's knowledge of standardization organizations and specific French and German features. It also aimed at raising OH&S personnel's awareness of networking and the lobbying actions that can be conducted in the field of OH&S* standardization.

A training session covered cultural differences between France and Germany that could make it easier to understand approaches to OH&S and behaviour in meetings.

This should improve cooperation between experts.

The experience was greatly appreciated by the participants, and it was decided to repeat it every two years, extending it to other European countries.

— EUROGIP 20th anniversary

On 10 January 2012, EUROGIP held an event on the occasion of its 20th anniversary and the renewal of its mandate for a further ten-year period. This was an opportunity to go back over the ground covered since the establishment of the Group and to highlight the extension of its operating mandate with a friendly and powerful event. A specially produced slide show went back over the highlights of EUROGIP's life since its founding. It also presented the team and the roles of each member.

— Reception of foreign delegations

In 2012, EUROGIP received two delegations:

- Seven occupational health and safety experts from the province of Anhui (China), who were particularly interested in a presentation of EUROGIP's activities, the accident rate in France, the standardization system and the conclusions of the EUROGIP Discussions (2011) devoted to occupational risk prevention in SMEs.
- Eight experts from the Turkish Ministry of Labour, interested in EUROGIP's activities and the accident rate at work in France.

— Revamping of the EUROGIP website



The main objectives of the website revamping were as follows:

- To promote EUROGIP's activities;
- To optimize the efficiency of search and access tools for EUROGIP's publications;
- To offer net surfers tracking tools, such as the RSS thread and Tweeter;
- To make the site compatible with leading mobile phone handsets and touch-sensitive tablets.

In the second half of the year, work was performed with an ergonomist to produce functional specifications useful for the development of the new version placed online in 2013.

Coordinating a network of experts working on OH&S STANDARDIZATION

— Coordination of the work of the “standardization” experts of the Occupational Injuries Branch

Coordination of experts

One of EUROGIP's roles is to coordinate the activity of the experts of the Occupational Injuries Branch who take part in work for the production of European and international standards relating to OH&S*. In 2012, there were 83 of these experts (CNAMTS*: 2; CARSAT*: 23; INRS*: 56 and EUROGIP: 2). They monitored work relating to the following themes: Safety of Machinery; Construction machinery, lifting and handling machinery; Physical environments; Biology, chemistry, ventilation; Personal and collective protection; Building products; Ergonomics.

The participation of the experts was distributed among the following Technical Committees (TCs):

- European Committee for Standardization (CEN): 44
- European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC): 3
- International Organization for Standardization (ISO): 12
- International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC): 2

Note that EUROGIP is the sole correspondent of the standardization offices for any participation by the Occupational Injuries Branch in standardization activities.

Supervision and coordination of investigations

The procedure of internal consultation on draft standards undergoing investigation enabled the Occupational Injuries Branch to express a collective opinion on 24 of them, concerning in particular the safety of machinery (10 drafts) and construction/lifting/handling machinery (5). This activity of coordination of the viewpoints of the OH&S experts is greatly appreciated by EUROGIP's partners.

As they had requested, the documentation departments of the CARSAT and the INRS received all these draft standards, which represents a total circulation of more than 915 copies within the Branch.

Implementation of strategic guidelines

As part of its mission, EUROGIP continued to alert the Occupational Injuries Branch concerning the creation of new working groups and the needs for replacement of experts nearing retirement so that the Branch may be represented on subjects relating to occupational risk prevention. It is also a force for proposal for decisions regarding participation in new standardization work.

Assistance for experts

The private section of Normabase, accessible via the EUROGIP website, is reserved for the “standardization” experts of the Occupational Injuries Branch. It contains the list of experts, the structure of the European and international Technical Committees within which standardization work is performed, and information concerning the corresponding standardization committees. The public section provides access to a progress report on draft international, European and French standards. The experts receive Partenor (a list of European standardization work monitored by the experts) and Normavenir (all the draft standards monitored by the experts, on the French and European levels).

Moreover, new standardization experts received two days of information/training in French, European and international standardization systems.

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— Financing of certain work

To optimize the experts' contribution, EUROGIP finances, in a few precisely defined areas, the work of the French committees in which the position to be put forward at the European or international level is worked out. In this framework, the agreement with the French electrical engineering industry association UTE was renewed in 2012. Regarding standardization work relating to the Safety of Machinery, EUROGIP paid the annual registration fees of 30 experts in 21 standardization committees run by the UNM (Union de normalisation de la mécanique), and of 44 experts in 28 standardization committees run by AFNOR.

— Forms for reporting OH&S* issues

The system for reporting OH&S issues allows information feedback from the field, from the action of the CARSAT* through to report processing by the Monitoring Office (a body placed under the aegis of the "Work Equipment" Expert Group since 2008, and of which EUROGIP is a member).

These report forms helped to take into account experience feedback on numerous subjects such as laser cutters, lifts, paint spray booths, ready mix trucks and industrial handling forklift trucks.

— A database of around 3,000 OH&S* standards

In partnership with the French Ministries of Labour and Agriculture, EUROGIP took part in updating the "StandardWebPort" database. This database contains all the published standards relating to health, safety and working conditions. The 18th version contains 2,991 standards. It is made available to the documentation departments of the CARSAT* and INRS*, and to trade union and industry organizations of the Occupational Injuries Branch.

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Managing the COORDINATIONS OF "MACHINERY" AND "PPE" NOTIFIED BODIES

— Secretariat for coordination of French notified bodies

This activity is defined by agreements signed with the French Ministries of Labour and Agriculture. It involves coordinating the activity of the notified bodies with the European Commission to implement the procedures for evaluation of personal protective equipment (PPE) and machinery described in the corresponding directives and transposed into the labour code. The aim is to harmonize the practices and procedures of the bodies, to solve the often complex technical problems still remaining, to integrate the standardization work and to prepare the positions to be defended at the European level and thereby ensure a high level for the certified products. This harmonization requires drawing up sheets for interpretation of the rules.

In the field of PPE

In 2012, the work of the Coordination concerned mainly:

- Revision of the Directive, which could lead to a new Directive or a Regulation;
- Safety boots incorporating an anti-perforation sole which, although in conformity with a harmonized standard, were the cause of injuries;
- The standard on anchorage systems which is the subject of a formal objection regarding its scope of application;
- The establishment of reference systems for the accreditation of notified bodies, which was delayed following a decision of the European Commission;
- The protocols worked out for gloves and clothing designed for non-professional motorcyclists and allowing the notified bodies to evaluate the conformity of these products in the absence of appropriate standards.

In the field of Machinery

In 2012, the main work concerned:

- Risks related to devices for the lifting of persons (lifts in wind turbines, for example) and moving parts (industrial remote controls for controlling vehicle lifts);
- The formal objection introduced by France regarding the standard on rear-loading waste collection tip trucks;
- Products complying with the definition of a logical unit performing safety functions;
- Devices for detection of electric power lines and the definition of a safety function;
- Further work to determine the applicable reference systems for accreditation of notified bodies for safety components and for cardan shafts and their guards and for portable cartridge-operated fixing devices and other impact machinery;
- Establishment of criteria to evaluate at what point an altered machine could be considered a new machine;
- A protocol in the form of a rule interpretation sheet which defines the actions that will have to be performed when renewing EC type examination certifications;
- Coding of the evaluation decision following a so-called Full Quality Assurance conformity evaluation procedure (so far, a single body is notified for this type of procedure and until now there has been no demand).

— Certification activity of the bodies

EUROGIP continued to collect the reports on EC type examination certificates issued by the notified bodies and the decisions taken under Article 11 of the PPE Directive. The overall activity of notified bodies in the field of PPE, measured by the number of EC type examination certificates issued, had been fairly constant for more than 10 years. The sharp increase noted in 2011 was confirmed in 2012.

In the field of machinery, the bodies again renewed certain EC type examination certificates of machines certified under the preceding directive and for which the manufacturers have made the necessary changes to bring these machines into conformity with the new directive.

The database of EC type examination certificates for PPE and Machinery, unique in Europe, is a tool for use by ministries which can also provide useful information for market surveillance campaigns.

— Participation in the European Coordination of Notified Bodies for PPE

EUROGIP took part in various meetings, in which discussions were held concerning:

- Relations between the vertical groups of the European Coordination, which establish recommendations for use, and the standardization working groups which have to incorporate these recommendations when revising the standards;
- Evaluation on a case-by-case basis of the provision, for people or organizations outside the vertical groups, of certain documents established by the Coordination;
- Transfer of the documents in the possession of a notified body which ceases its activities;
- Revision of the current directive and potential consequences of the implementation of the new directive for the validity of existing EC type examination certificates;
- Revision of a number of user recommendation sheets;
- Accreditation of the notified bodies in the various Member States or accession countries which, like in the field of machinery, show great disparities.

— Technical Secretariat of the European Coordination of Notified Bodies for Machinery

Since the start of 2010 and until the end of 2013, EUROGIP is acting as technical secretariat for the European Coordination of Notified Bodies for Machinery. As part of this work, EUROGIP prepared and ran two meetings of the Horizontal Committee which took place in 2012.

EUROGIP continued to assist with the registration of notified bodies in the new European Commission database CIRCABC (Communication and Information Resource Centre for Administrations, Businesses and Citizens). It also continued to merge the CIRCABC and NANDO (New Approach Notified and Designated Organisations) databases so that all notified bodies may have at least one representative registered in CIRCABC who will receive the documents produced by the Coordination.





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