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Abbreviations, symbols and acronyms used

AW(s)	Accident(s) at work
PPE	Personal protective equipment
OD(s)	Occupational disease(s)
PSRs	Psychosocial risks
OSH	Occupational safety and health
MSDs	Musculoskeletal disorders
ISSA	International Social Security Association
CARSAT	Caisse d'assurance retraite et de la santé au travail (Retirement and occupational health insurance fund: 16 regional funds)
CAT/MP	Commission des accidents du travail et des maladies professionnelles (Occupational Injury and Disease Commission): It defines the policy guidelines of the Health/Occupational Risks Insurance system
CGSS	Caisse générale de sécurité sociale (General social security fund: 4 funds in the French overseas departments)
CNAM	Caisse nationale de l'assurance maladie (French National Health Insurance Fund)
CNOCT	Conseil national d'orientation des conditions de travail (Steering Committee on Working Conditions)
CRAMIF	Caisse régionale d'assurance maladie d'Ile-de-France (Ile-de-France regional health insurance fund)
DGT	Direction générale du travail (National Directorate of Labour)
DRP	Direction des risques professionnels (Occupational Risks Department, within CNAM) - CNAM-DRP
EU-OSHA	European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
INRS	Institut national de recherche et de sécurité pour la prévention des AT/MP (National Institute for Research and Safety for the prevention of accidents at work and occupational diseases)
OPPBTP	Organisme professionnel de prévention du bâtiment et des travaux publics (Occupational Risk Prevention Organization for the Building and Public Works Industries)
RfUs	Recommendation for Use sheets
ESAW	European Statistics on Accidents at Work

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Raphaël Haeflinger,
Director of EUROGIP

“We are very pleased to present to you the 2023 annual report of EUROGIP, the authoritative French organization specialized in European and international issues relating to insurance systems covering accidents at work and occupational diseases.

In 2023 we made significant achievements in our spheres of action.

We continued our work of expert appraisal and monitoring of regulatory and technical developments regarding occupational safety and health (OSH) in the various European countries.

Whether it be recognition of accidents in teleworking or work-related mental disorders, the regulations concerning work in extreme heat, or technical changes such as the new “Machinery” Regulation or AI, there are many OSH challenges faced with the major changes underway.

Our teams also stepped up their efforts in cooperation with the organizations of the neighbouring countries and Community actors (EUROSTAT, EU-OSHA, etc.) and within the framework of European networks (EUROSHNET, European Forum of Insurance Against Accidents at Work and Occupational Diseases, etc.) making it possible to share best practices and define joint positions to be put forward on the European and international levels.

On the national level, we continued to support the Occupational Injuries Branch and its social partners in their role of insurance and prevention, notably through standardization, but also the public authorities more generally.

Our information and communication activities developed increasingly widespread public awareness of good practices beyond our borders, such comparisons being essential in order to improve our own system.

These many activities, as well as other work that you can discover in the following pages, enabled EUROGIP to consolidate its role as an expertise and discussion platform for improved occupational safety and health.

I should like to thank all our staff for their dedication and their contribution to the success of our assignments, and more generally our external partners and publics for the growing interest taken in our work”.

Pleasant reading!

EUROGIP AT A GLANCE



EUROGIP is a public interest grouping (GIP). It was set up in 1991 within the Health/Occupational Risks Insurance system, also known as the Occupational Injuries Branch of the French Social Security system.



It is managed by a joint board with equal representation of employers and trade union organizations.



Approximately 80% of its funding comes from the CNAM, through a subsidy granted by the National Fund for Prevention of AWs/ODs, and 20% from contracts signed with the French government and the Community authorities.



The common denominator of EUROGIP's activities is accidents at work and occupational diseases (AWs/ODs), from the perspective of their prevention and the insurance of workers against these risks in Europe and even internationally.



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Observatory and resource centre

EUROGIP covers AW/OD prevention and insurance practices on the international and especially the European levels. In this regard, it:

- Performs comparative studies concerning several countries.
- Publishes and disseminates actionable information and promotes the exchange of experience regarding current events within its sphere of action.
- Coordinates the experts of the French occupational risk insurance organization who take part in the production of European and international standards regarding occupational safety and health.
- Coordinates a network of organizations whose role is to certify machinery and personal protective equipment so as to allow free movement of these products in the European market.
- Takes part in projects of Community interest, notably on behalf of the European Commission.
- Initiates and develops exchanges of information in France and abroad.

EUROGIP thus enables French actors, in conjunction with their counterparts from the other countries, to improve occupational risk prevention and insurance based on best practices.

The Health/Occupational Risks Insurance system acts for good health at work with the support of a network of organizations located throughout the country: Caisses primaires d'assurance maladie (CPAM), Caisses d'assurance retraite et de la santé au travail (CARSAT), Caisse régionale d'assurance maladie d'Ile-de-France (CRAMIF) and Caisses générales de sécurité sociale (CGSS). It compensates the victims of occupational diseases, accidents at work and commuting accidents. It helps enterprises and self-employed workers prevent risks, and it calculates their contribution rates.
<https://www.assurance-maladie.ameli.fr/risques-professionnels>

GATHERING RELEVANT INFORMATION



Documentation watch and assistance regarding the insurance and prevention of accidents at work and occupational diseases

On the Community level and in EU Member States, or even further abroad, EUROGIP monitors news concerning:

- OSH insurance and prevention organizations (publications, organization, events, etc.),
- ministerial authorities (Labour and Health in particular),
- consultative bodies or commissions,
- insurance-related issues (reporting, recognition, compensation, etc.),
- good prevention practices,
- social dialogue,
- legal matters (regulations, decisions of the highest courts, established legal precedents, etc.),
- OSH standardization, etc.

The documentary resources collected contribute to publications, work in progress and replies to requests from external actors (Board of Directors, CARSAT, INRS, social partners, etc.).

In 2023, note that the requests mostly concerned the equivalent of the single document ("Document unique") in the other countries, statistics relating to accidents at work, psychosocial risks, and climate change and its repercussions on occupational safety and health.

Standards watch

Monitoring in the area of OSH standardization allows the Occupational Injuries Branch to be positioned as far upstream as possible in the process. It concerned the following points to watch in particular:

- The emergence of new issues or bodies: new Technical Committee to cover horizontal subjects relating to personal protective equipment, projects underway (including probative enquiries), and revision of existing standards.
- New formats of normative documents, such as CEN Workshop Agreements (CWAs) and AFNOR Specs, produced swiftly without the participation of all the stakeholders concerned.
- Growing involvement of standardization in non-technical fields such as human resource management, or management systems and the globalization of work.
- Development of new standardization themes related to the European Standards strategy, and in particular the Green Deal, climate change and digital sovereignty.
- Impact of publication of the new "Machinery" Regulation 2023/1230 with, in particular, the upgrading of more than 850 existing standards and the European Commission's request for harmonized standards currently being drafted.

ANALYSING AND UNDERSTANDING



Teleworking and accidents at work

The European Union has an estimated average rate of 20% of teleworkers, with disparities depending on the country. What coverage does the employee have in the event of a work accident when teleworking? What are the prerogatives of the employer, who remains responsible for the employee's health and safety? What legislation has developed and applies at present? What established legal precedents exist? To answer these questions, the EUROGIP study takes into account the numerous differences in the implementation of teleworking in the various countries that it covers: France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Austria, Finland and Sweden. Accordingly, the [report](#) published in March 2023 presents for each of these countries:

- an overview of the regulations in force and the OSH requirements regarding teleworking;
- the provisions with regard to accidents occurring during teleworking (in particular the criteria to be noted in the various countries) and, where possible, recent legal decisions refining the definition of accidents at work in teleworking;
- some initiatives taken by enterprises and/or OSH insurers to prevent accidents in teleworking.

The report is also available in an [French version](#).

Work in extreme heat in Europe and throughout the world

Questioned by the OPPBTP at the end of 2022 regarding the regulations concerning work in high temperatures and heatwaves in Europe and throughout the world, in June 2023 EUROGIP published a [report](#) on OSH legislation and measures covering about thirty countries:

- Europe: France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg, Latvia, Malta, the United Kingdom and Switzerland.
- World: Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, South Africa, Gulf countries, China, Japan and South Korea.

One of the key questions was whether there are maximum temperatures acceptable for work. Starting from an analysis of the legislation, the report also examines the measures stipulated by certain collective labour agreements, and the prevention tools developed by national OSH ministries and/or organizations, communication campaigns, the activities of Labour Inspectorates, etc.

The report is also available in [French](#). Moreover, the Japan Industrial Safety and Health Association (JISHA) translated the summary of the report into [Japanese](#).



Under-reporting of accidents at work in Europe

A new analysis (2019-2021) of the phenomenon of under-reporting of accidents at work that gave rise to more than three days' sick leave in Europe confirms the very heterogeneous reporting levels from one country to another (from less than 10% to nearly 100%).

Indeed, major disparities in incidence rates (number of AWs per 100,000 workers) raise questions concerning a phenomenon of under-reporting in Europe. For example, the rate for non-fatal AWs ranged between 62 and 3,425 in 2019.

In this context, EUROGIP compared the European Statistics on Accidents at Work (ESAW) and the statistics of the European Union Labour Force Survey (EU LFS) published by the European Commission's Directorate General for statistics, Eurostat. It was based on two methods that it had described in its 2017 study:

- the “ratios” method in which a theoretical number of non-fatal AWs is estimated based on the number of fatal AWs, which is assumed to be stable as an annual average and not very subject to under-reporting;
- the “surveys” method based on estimation of the incidence rates perceived by the respondents to the 2020 EU Labour Force Survey.

These empirical works should be interpreted cautiously, since they depend on the accuracy of the data collected and the statistical methods used. They are useful chiefly to put into perspective the data relating to AW incidence rates.



Work-related mental disorders in Europe

A new report is devoted to the recognition of work-related mental disorders as an accident at work and/or occupational disease in seven European countries: Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Italy and Sweden.

It is found that, in certain circumstances, a mental illness following a precise, sudden and unforeseeable event can theoretically be recognized as an accident at work in many European countries.

But an increasing number of workers now say that they suffer non-traumatic disorders (depression, job burn-out, etc.) related to work. These situations, corresponding in this case to prolonged exposure to a psychosocial risk, raise the question of recognition of mental disorders as occupational diseases. Only a few countries, namely Denmark, Spain, France, Italy and Sweden, already adopted a favourable position on this question about twenty years ago.

The EUROGIP study examines:

- mental disorders related to psychosocial risks (those caused by toxic substances, solvents in particular, are excluded);
- the five countries which recognize mental disorders as ODs, together with Germany and Belgium where information on recognition as AWs is available;
- the process of recognition of the work-related nature of mental illnesses;
- the statistics published by OSH insurance organizations.

One section concerns the recognition of suicide.

*Several studies produced by EUROGIP concern the recognition of mental disorders as occupational diseases
cf. <https://eurogip.fr/en/publication/>*

SHARING KNOWLEDGE

The state of occupational safety and health in Europe in 2023

In May 2023, the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) presented its report entitled “Occupational safety and health in Europe: state and trends 2023”.

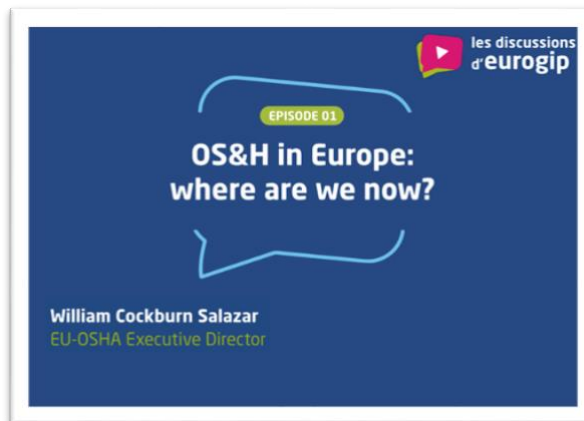
It relies on Eurostat statistics and the results of major European surveys to provide an overview of OSH in Europe in the past 10 to 25 years, depending on the availability of reliable data and the methodology.

Since the report is available only in English, EUROGIP proposed a French summary of the report's conclusions, which EU-OSHA considers essential. A Focus published at end-2023 therefore reviews the trends concerning the labour force, working conditions and incidence rates at work. One chapter covers well-being and health, and another addresses the challenges remaining to be met.



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en 2023



The first episode of the “EUROGIP discussions”

To allow for the changes in events management since the Covid-19 health crisis, but also to renew itself, EUROGIP reflected on a new key event in place of the European conference (the EUROGIP Discussions) that it had held since 2003.

Pursuing the same objective, namely to cast a European spotlight on occupational risks via the testimony of contributors coming mostly from Community institutions or institutions of other countries, the idea was also for EUROGIP to better promote its experience and its work through greater occupation of media space than that provided by a single annual conference.

These reflections led it to propose a series of pre-recorded episodes, available online in French and English. It was also decided to devote the first episode to a rather didactic topic concerning a key actor: the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, EU-OSHA. At the end of 2023, EUROGIP therefore interviewed the new executive director of EU-OSHA and finalized the first episode of the “EUROGIP Discussions”, posted online at the start of 2024.

Website, EUROGIP infos and social media

The X (formerly Twitter) and LinkedIn accounts are fed data very regularly, whether it be institutional information, notably concerning new publications, or news on occupational risks in Europe.

The number of “subscribers” increased sharply throughout 2023, especially in the case of LinkedIn and EUROGIP infos: 780 and 4500 subscribers respectively at the end of the year.

EUROGIP's YouTube channel, on which can be found in particular replays of the old EUROGIP Discussions and which will receive the new episodes, has registered about 1900 views of the online videos.

Machines: between the Directive and the Regulation, what changes?

Following a first guide published in English in early July, EUROGIP, again working with the ETUI (European Trade Union Institute), published a comparative analysis in French of the European Regulation relating to machinery (published in the OJEU of 29 June 2023) and the 2006 Directive that it supersedes.

The guide takes the form of two main columns, with the articles of the new Regulation 2023/1230 opposite those of Directive 2006/42. A colour code makes it possible to easily identify the differences between the two texts: addition, elimination, modification or shifting of part of the text.

The authors designed this guide as an essential tool for stakeholders interested in the design, use and supervision of machinery in order to assess the quality and relevance of the proposed changes. The guide should also contribute to the production of high-quality harmonized standards.

At the end of 2023, the guide was available in [French](#), [English](#) and [German](#).



Outside contributions and speeches

Based on its expertise, EUROGIP is very frequently called on to take part in certain work, to present the results of its research, to cast a European spotlight on a topical issue, and to establish relations between the Branch's personnel and colleagues in other countries.

These requests come from the network, from actors or partners outside the Branch. They take various forms and concern a variety of subjects, as shown by the following (non-exhaustive) examples:

- Contribution within the framework of the **2022/2023 Certification of Consulting Engineers** (CARSAT, CGSS) addressing **standardization** as an activity of the Occupational Injuries Branch and linked to the regulations.
- **Report entitled “Platform workers: what status for what social protection?”** (EUROGIP 2022 [study](#)): presentation of the conclusions and the latest developments on three occasions: as part of a training course organized by the École nationale de la magistrature (**ENM**: national school for the magistracy) in May 2023 and at the request of the Korean OSH insurance organization **COMWEL** on official visits to Paris, in June and November 2023 respectively.
- At the request of **IGAS**, EUROGIP performed research on the filing and storage of the equivalent of the Document Unique d'Evaluation des Risques Professionnels (DUERP: single occupational risk assessment document) in other European states.
- Presentation of the report on the recognition of mental illnesses as AWs/ODs published in the spring of 2023 at CS4 of the **CNOCT**.
- Papers presented on the theme of **France's position and the incidence rate at work** in Europe and internationally: at the CNOCT CSI or at the invitation of **EN3S** (École Nationale Supérieure de Sécurité Sociale).
- Publication of an article entitled “Reconnaissance et indemnisation des AT-MP, tour d'horizon européen” (“Recognition and compensation of AWs/ODs, a European overview”) in the July-August 2023 issue of the review **Droit social (Daloz)**.
- Request from the **Dutch fund for asbestos victims** for statistics of its French counterpart.
- Since 2020, EUROGIP has been a member of the **network of statisticians of the French OSH insurance organization** and has provided a European viewpoint when required.

- **Report entitled “Work in extreme heat and heatwaves: what legislation and prevention measures on the international level?”** (cf. page 7):
 - **Papers presented** at a conference of OSH experts held (in Brussels) by the European Federation of Building and Wood Workers, **EFBWW**, and at a seminar held (in Athens) by the European Trade Union Confederation (**ETUC**); in particular, EUROGIP took part in the panel on: “Heat as an occupational risk and other occupational risks related to climate change: The trade unions' experience and the legislation”.
 - **Several interviews** for: FranceInfo, an article devoted to the subject of heatwaves and labour legislation, published online on 23 August; Travail & Sécurité (INRS), an overview of national regulations in Europe, published in October; the Revue dessinée (a quarterly review which publishes surveys and documentaries in comic strip form), which will publish an article devoted to work in extreme heat in June 2024.
- The “**Mission d'information relative à l'impact du déploiement des entrepôts**”, set up by the Economic Affairs Commission of the French Parliament, asked CNAM/DRP and EUROGIP for a written contribution concerning rates of accident occurrence in the logistics sector (warehousing and transport activities) in France and Europe.
- At the request of the **CAT/MP**, EUROGIP performed research on AW incidence rates in Europe in 2022. The aim was to see whether other countries had observed the same phenomenon as in France, namely a paradoxical trend to an increase in the number of insured (post-Covid economic recovery) but a significant decline in the number of accidents, which seems counter-intuitive. It was found that Germany experienced such a trend, although the causes were not identified.
- As part of the **French Ministry of Labour's** campaign on serious and fatal accidents, the Minister's staff called on EUROGIP to write the press release and its messages on social media, and to produce a video based on the report relating to the phenomenon of under-reporting of AWs (cf. page 8).
- At the request of **CNAM/DRP**, research was performed on the implementation of the Australian programme of merging OSH and Mental Health First Aider (MHFA) training in European countries: Germany, Austria, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg, the United Kingdom and Switzerland.



INITIATING AND DEVELOPING EXCHANGES

International relations of the Occupational Injuries Branch

As stipulated in the [objectives and management agreement \("Convention d'objectifs et de gestion" - COG AT/MP\) 2018-2022](#), EUROGIP coordinates the international activities of the Occupational Injuries Branch, notably by developing cooperation arrangements targeting the Branch's priorities.

To improve other countries' knowledge of the Branch's activities and the key OSH figures in France, EUROGIP translates into English the annual document entitled "L'essentiel santé et sécurité au travail" ("[Key Features of 2022 Health and Safety in the Workplace](#)").

Moreover, as part of the contest for the ISSA Good Practices Award for Europe 2024, EUROGIP proposed three good practices for the Health/Occupational Risks Insurance system: TMS Pros (MSDs), Risques chimiques Pros (chemical risks), and the Building and Public Works sector programme - Acting with project principals as of the construction project design stage.

The awards will be presented at the regional Social Security Forum for Europe which will be held in April 2024 in Oporto (Portugal).

European Forum of Insurance Against Accidents at Work and Occupational Diseases

EUROGIP is a longstanding participant in the work of the European Forum of Insurance Against Accidents at Work and Occupational Diseases, including the work of the "ODs" and "Communication" groups.

The ODs group wrote a draft Position Paper on the importance of preventing mental health problems in the workplace. The other topic addressed is the prevention and coverage of skin cancers caused by UVs.

For the "Communication" group in particular, EUROGIP has been the French correspondent for the Forum News publication since its launch in 1993 and contributes to the website and the X account. At the Forum's annual meeting, which was held in Helsinki in June 2023 under the Finnish presidency, it presented the conclusions of its report on "Teleworking and accidents at work in seven European countries".



Euroshnet

EUROGIP is 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.

The main activity in 2023 concerned the organization of the [8th European conference](#) on 13 and 14 June 2024, on the theme "World in transition - Europe in adaptation - OSH under pressure".

The agenda will address political and legislative developments in the EU faced with change, including presentations on the EU's new fields of action and their impact on OSH, and particularly on standardization.

There will be discussion of the Green Deal for Europe, the European action plan on the circular economy, the REACH Regulation and the links between the new "Machinery" Regulation and the Regulation on Artificial Intelligence or the Cyber Resilience Act.

The speakers will also show how recent developments affect the design, performance and safety of new and innovative products, but also management systems and new forms of work.

Reception of delegations from COMWEL (South Korea)

Under the cooperation agreement signed at the end of 2022 between EUROGIP and the Korean OSH insurance organization COMWEL, EUROGIP received two delegations on study trips in France: one of about twenty people in June, and the other of about ten people in December.

At their request, they received a special presentation on the situation of platform workers and their social protection in France, Belgium, Spain, Italy and Germany. In an introduction, EUROGIP summarized the situation of employees and self-employed workers in France.

CONTRIBUTING TO EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

EU-OSHA contract: Labour Inspection monitoring indicators in Europe

Under a contract signed with EU-OSHA at the end of 2022, EUROGIP worked on the development of a methodological framework and new indicators to add to the “Labour Inspection” section of the [European OSH Barometer](#). It proposed two series of indicators:

- one for which it is possible to use data readily available in all the Member States;
- the other providing a broader, more theoretical selection, designed to supply additional information on OSH; the proposed indicators do not take into account the availability and feasibility of collecting data in the Member States, but merely their relevance, especially to assess the impact of labour inspection on the OSH situation in a country.

Activities within the framework of the ISSA

Since 2023 EUROGIP has been involved in two Commissions of the International Social Security Association (ISSA), as:

- Vice-Chair of the OSH Insurance Commission;
- member of the Information Committee of the Special Prevention Commission; in this capacity, it did secretarial work editing the e-Newsletter and published a first issue in September 2023.

Co-working with Eurostat

In 2017 the EU Statistics Directorate, Eurostat, set up the “European Occupational Diseases Statistics (EODS) Task Force”, of which EUROGIP is a member, to define a new method for the production of harmonized European statistics on occupational diseases (ODs).

The aim is to gather national data in a single database and to provide trends regarding the ODs most frequently recognized in Europe. In 2023, there was discussion concerning the advisability of targeting data on occupational cancers and mental illnesses. The data gathered is published in “experimental” mode, clearly specifying the limitations of these statistics and, for most of them, as EU aggregates (with no details by country). Furthermore, for some years now, EUROGIP has had an observer's seat alongside the French representative (DARES) in the annual plenary sessions devoted to AWs and ODs.



Joint statement on OSH standardization policy

At the very end of 2023, six European prevention organizations signed a series of joint positions relating to their standardization policy.

These updated positions to a large extent replicate those of the “[Bonn Agreements](#)” signed in 2014 and 2016 between the KAN (Germany), CIOP (Poland), and the INRS and EUROGIP.

The INSST (Spain) and FIOH (Finland) also joined in 2023. New joint positions were produced, notably regarding the European standardization strategy, improvement of the system for validation of Harmonized Standards, and, lastly, artificial intelligence.

COORDINATING OSH STANDARDIZATION WORK

Supervision of the Standardization activity of the Occupational Injuries Branch

EUROGIP alerts the CNAM and INRS concerning the setting up of working groups and the need for replacement of experts so that the Branch may be represented on matters that are important for it. It also convened meetings of the Standardization Steering Committee both for strategic thinking concerning the standardization action of the Branch and for decision making regarding participation in new standardization work.

EUROGIP coordinates preparation of the positions and replies of the OSH insurance organization in consultations by the standardization system on new subjects, the setting up of bodies or standardization requests from the European Commission. This was the case, for example, on the question of reorganization of the AFNOR Strategic Steering Committees entailing the elimination of the Committee on Occupational Safety and Health.

In addition to the 2022 annual report on the standardization activity of the Occupational Injuries Branch, intended for the network, a short version is available on the EUROGIP website.

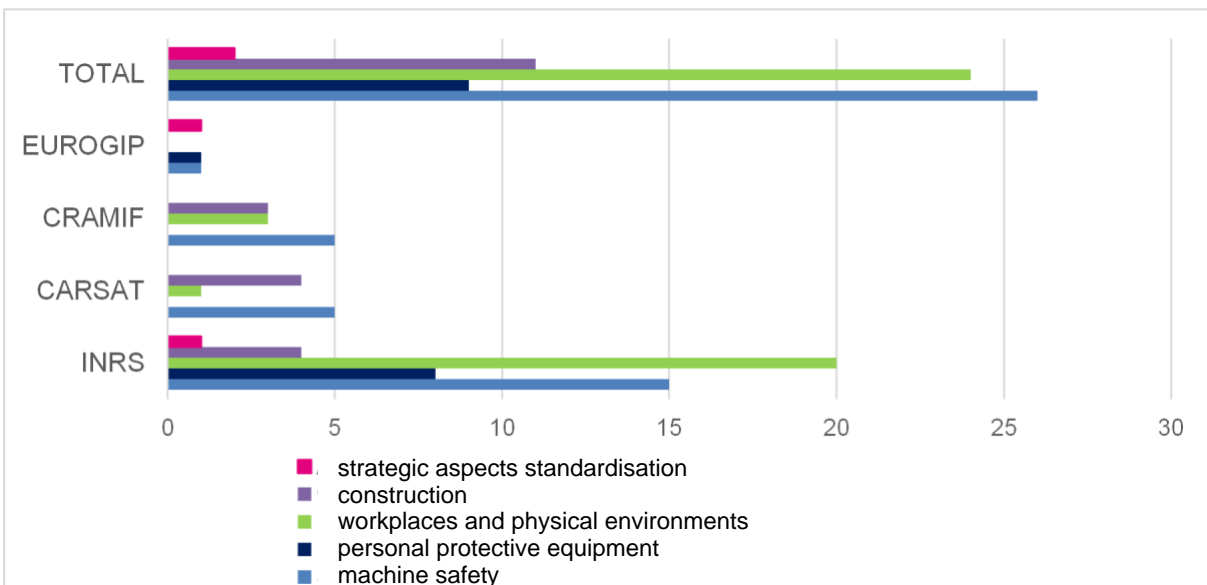
Coordination of the network of 72 “Standardization experts”

In 2023, EUROGIP coordinated the activity of 72 experts (at CARSAT, CRAMIF, INRS and EUROGIP), who took part in the standardization work of 56 French commissions, 26 European Technical Committees (CEN and CENELEC) and 20 international Technical Committees (ISO and IEC).

They thereby contributed to the preparation of 230 draft standards: 28 French and 202 international standards (EN, ISO and EN ISO). 130 of these drafts are in the active phase of technical discussions and consensus building and the 100 others are in the final phase of formal voting or publication.

Depending on the experts' availability and the subjects in question, their participation ranges from active watch to participation in national, European and international meetings, which is the most effective way to assert at all levels the viewpoint of the prevention section of the Occupational Injuries Branch.

Breakdown of standardization experts of the Occupational Injuries Branch for 2023



A given expert may take part in standardization work in various sectors

Support for Standardization experts

When carrying out their work, the experts call on EUROGIP regarding questions of interpretation of the standardization operating rules and standards systems. They are consulted concerning new projects, the creation of Technical Committees, five-yearly revisions, etc., and (re)subscribed to linguistic reviews (Vocable) or the [Kanbrief](#). The 2-day plenary meeting on standardization that was originally planned had to be put off, and an event without physical presence was held on 6 October 2023. About fifty people took part. The discussions concerned news on the standardization activity of the Occupational Injuries Branch, standardization and serious and fatal accidents (a key focus for risk prevention in the coming years), standardization concerning new forms of work, the ergonomics of physical assistance devices and robots, and the new “Machinery” Regulation with its new health and safety requirement (AI, cybersecurity, etc.) and its impact on the 850 existing machinery standards.

The Normabase, Norm’actions and CObaz Horizon tools

Normabase groups together the OSH standards being worked out on the international, European and French levels, and the “Who does what” with the contact details of the experts and the bodies in which they are registered, their competencies and reporting information on this activity.

Norm’actions, produced based on data retrieved from Normabase, brings together useful information on the progress of work on standards currently being prepared which benefited from actual work or monitoring by the Branch's experts; This document is circulated to around 280 people in the Branch.

“CObaz Horizon” (formerly Standard Webport) provides access to all the AFNOR standards (NF, NF EN, NF EN ISO and NF ISO) in force, planned or cancelled, as well as about one hundred purely international standards. This documentation database, developed in partnership with the French Ministries of Labour and Agriculture and published by AFNOR, is made available to the CARSAT/CRAMIF funds and the INRS, and to the Branch's social partners who request it.

Presence in strategic bodies

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 guidelines of OSH standardization programmes are decided: AFNOR strategic policy committees on “Occupational Health and Safety” and “Management and Services”, the European Strategic Forum for OSH standardization and, lastly, the CEN Advisory Forum for the standardization of machinery.

EUROGIP is also a member of the AFNOR “Cercle des coordonnateurs normalisation” allowing an exchange of good standardization practices between representatives of large groups and government departments.

Participation in these bodies is designed to assert the French prevention system's viewpoint regarding standardization. In particular, this enabled it to help produce the strategic guidelines for the CoS SST (OSH strategy committee) regarding the priorities of PST4 published in 2022 and the draft “COG” agreement 2023-2027, e.g. concerning the writing of harmonized standards related to the new “Machinery” Regulation or the initiation of work on certain European workshop agreements. The large quantity of information shared in these French and European bodies also helps to ensure



standards watch and early information for the experts of the Occupational Injuries Branch. Lastly, EUROGIP took part in reactivating the system enabling the organizations of the Occupational Injuries Branch to report machinery design or operation problems. Such reporting makes it possible, in particular, to identify shortcomings or deficiencies in the standards and to take them into account when revising or writing standards. This system helps to prevent serious and fatal accidents.

ASSERTING A JOINT POSITION

Notified bodies (NBs) for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

French Coordination

Under the authority of the French Ministries of Labour and Agriculture, EUROGIP manages the competent Coordinations of Notified Bodies (NBs) for assessing the conformity of personal protective equipment (PPE) and machinery, in accordance with Regulation 2016/425 and Directive 2006/42/EC respectively. In this capacity, it held two meetings of the General Committee bringing together the various ministries (Labour, Agriculture and Industry) and the nine notified bodies covering all the protective products and devices subject to third-party conformity assessment. 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.

The French Coordination prepared numerous draft Recommendation for Use sheets (RfUs) and harmonized positions concerning:

- Applications for the five-yearly renewal of certifications: a French RfU sheet was produced covering the various regulatory requirements and the possibilities available to NBs to deal with manufacturers' requests depending on whether they are made after the deadlines or not. It lays down a harmonized framework regarding practices which are not addressed in the PPE Regulation (requests made after the stipulated deadlines).
- Exoskeletons: The French Coordination followed closely the discussions concerning whether or not exoskeletons come within the scope of application of the PPE Regulation. Based on the work of the INRS and the absence of regulatory requirements concerning certain risks, it did not consider this equipment as coming under PPE. This position was confirmed by a decision of the European Commission and was inserted in the guide to application of the PPE Regulation.
- Guide for the interpretation of the PPE Regulation, amended in the second half of 2023. This update was the subject of analyses and discussions in the French Coordination. In particular, the position adopted by the European Commission concerning the opening of instruction manuals to a digital format was considered non-compliant with the regulatory requirements and regarded as creating a right. This opinion was confirmed by the European Coordination of Notified Bodies, which considered this provision contrary to the regulations and to the regulator's intention in publishing the PPE Regulation.

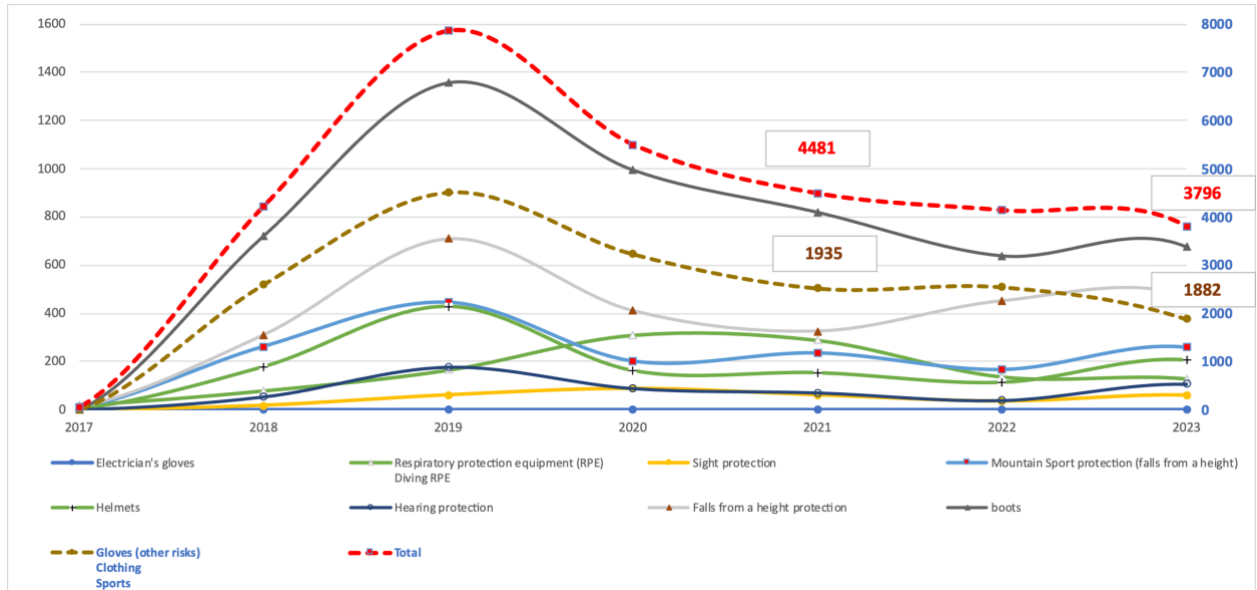
EUROGIP also keeps up-to-date the list of certifications issued by the NBs (cf. following page) over the years in order to illustrate the certification activity. The organizations have maintained stable activity in the last few years. A peak in activity is foreseeable in 2024, for five-yearly renewals.

On the European level

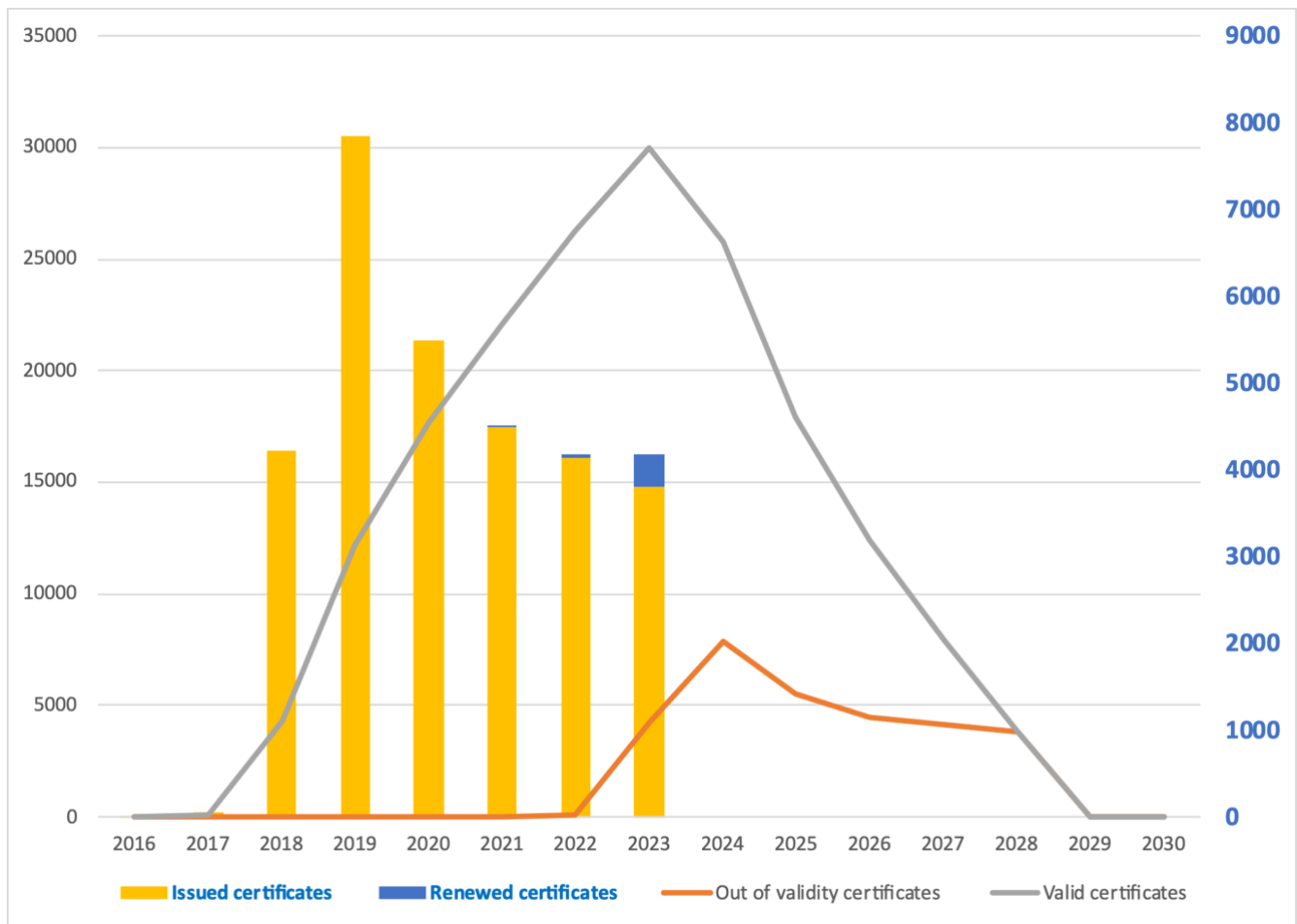
During the Steering Committee meetings and the plenary meetings of the European Coordination of Notified Bodies for PPE in which EUROGIP took part, the discussions concerned the revision of the RfUs and the preparation of new sheets related to the PPE assessment procedures, the review of certifications, and the establishment of production monitoring audits.



French Coordination: certificates of EC type examinations issued between 2017 and 2023 concerning personal protective equipment



Monitoring of certifications currently valid, to determine the number of certificates in circulation.



Notified bodies (NBs) for machinery

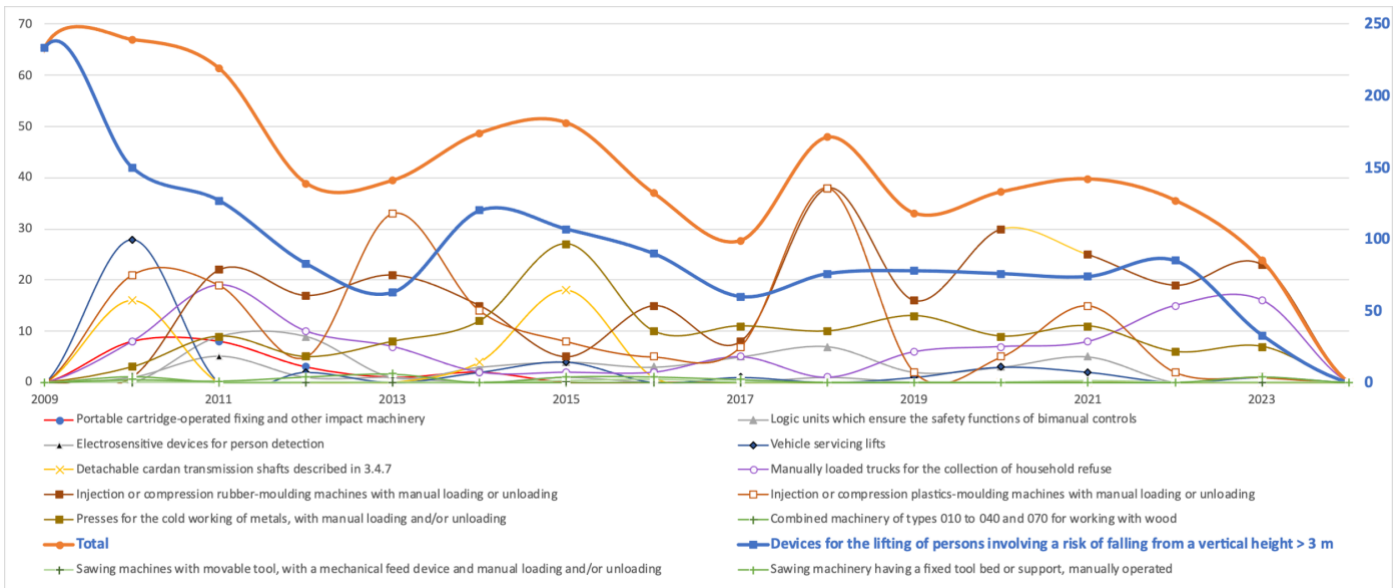
French Coordination

EUROGIP organized a meeting of the General Committee on a single occasion in 2023. However, the sub-groups responsible for machinery such as lifting platforms and refuse bins met to deal with issues specific to these machines. EUROGIP also keeps up-to-date the list of certifications issued by the NBs over the years. The certification activity is tending to decrease and the scope is becoming more restricted.

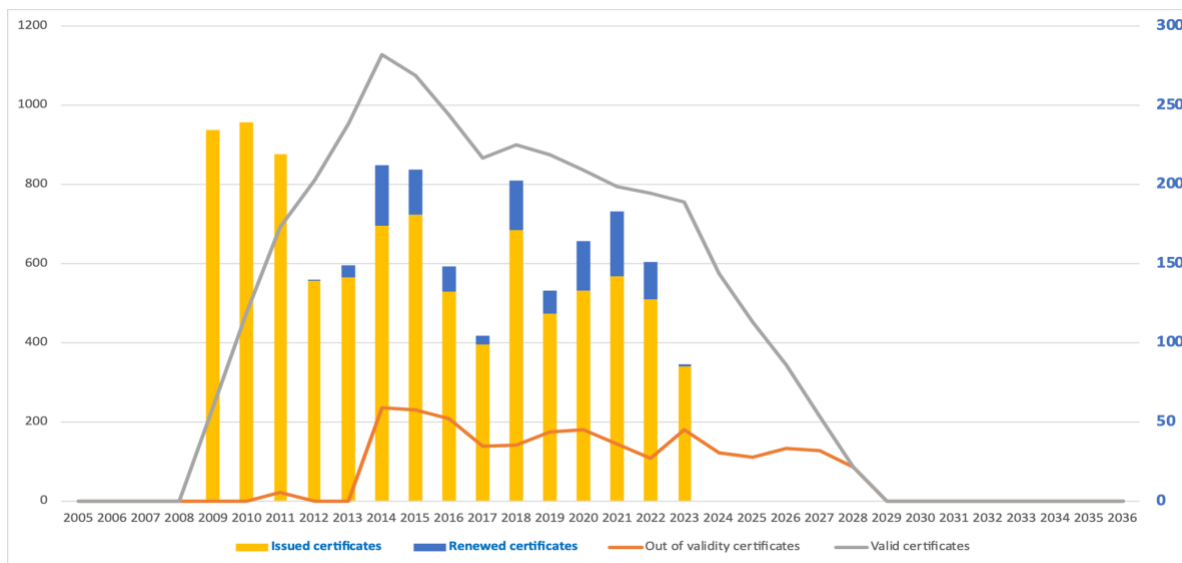
European Coordination

A notable event in 2023 was the publication of the new Machinery Regulation. The main activity concerned the analysis and initial interpretations of the Regulation. The European Coordination focused on overhauling procedures and statutes, and on dealing with all the RfUs awaiting validation.

Number of EC type examination certificates issued between 2009 and 2023 according to the type of machine



The number of certificates in circulation for the Machinery Regulation remains small. However, one notes that very few certificates are renewed, which tends to raise questions concerning either the correct application of the Regulation by manufacturers, or the rate of equipment renewal (rapidly changing ranges of equipment).





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