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The “World Day for Safety and Health at Work”, once established by the International Labour Organisation, takes place on April 28th. It is a day to promote globally the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases.

FEFCO’s aim is to reduce accidents further by raising awareness among its members and by sharing internally their knowledge, experience and ideas. FEFCO believes that learning from each other’s achievements and working together can help to prevent accidents from happening. Therefore, FEFCO has started a structured exchange on accidents information and learnings. Many of FEFCO’s members are actively involved in safety initiatives and there are many impressive examples to share already.

For example, the Confederation of Paper Industries (CPI) in UK is reporting dramatic reduction in recorded accidents from Members from 80% above the average for the UK manufacturing sector in 2005 to 5% lower by September 2013. The downward trend is the result of an effective framework put together by CPI and its Members in 2005.

Another example: for more than 10 years the Dutch Corrugated Association has been working on Safety and Health at work. In close cooperation with members and labour unions, many projects and activities on prevention of occupational accidents have been initiated and implemented. As a result, the number of lost time accidents diminished spectacularly with over 85% reduction between 2002 and 2013.

FEFCO Secretary General, Angelika Christ: “Health and Safety is a top priority for our sector. The challenge for the European Corrugated industry is to achieve world-class status in Health and Safety through a structured approach and commitment from everybody involved.”



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Note to the editors

FEFCO (European Federation of Corrugated Board Manufacturers) was established in 1952 and represents the interests of the European Corrugated Board Manufacturers. Headquartered in Brussels, FEFCO has 20 active members, all European national corrugated packaging organisations. The role of the Federation is to investigate economic, financial, technical and marketing issues of interest to the corrugated packaging Industry, to analyse all factors which may influence the industry, and to promote and develop its image.