

## **CEMBUREAU IS OFFICIAL PARTNER OF EU-OSHA CAMPAIGN 2020-2022**

**The *Healthy Workplaces: Lighten the Load* campaign aims to raise awareness of and to tackle musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) in the workplace**

Brussels, 01/02/2021 – CEMBUREAU, the European Cement Association, is proud to be accepted as an Official Partner of the EU-OSHA [Healthy Workplaces Lighten the Load](#) campaign 2020-22.

Work-related musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) are detrimental to people's quality of life and are one of the main causes of sick leave and early retirement, having a negative impact on businesses and economies. Despite significant efforts to prevent them, work-related MSDs remain the most common work-related health problem in Europe.

The 2020-22 campaign overseen by EU-OSHA (European Agency for Safety and Health at Work), aims to:

- Raise awareness of work-related MSDs and the need to manage them;
- Promote risk assessment and management of MSDs;
- Demonstrate that MSDs are an issue for everyone — in all types of workplaces and sectors;
- Improve knowledge of new and emerging risks in relation to MSDs;
- Emphasise the need to reintegrate and retain workers with chronic MSDs and how this can be done;
- And encourage the exchange of information and good practices among relevant stakeholders.

"Worker's [health and safety](#) is the number one priority for the cement industry", said Koen Coppenholle, CEO of CEMBUREAU. "Our workers are our lifblood, and their well-being, within a healthy work environment, is key to the industry's success. Therefore, we are pleased to be an Official Partner of the Campaign for 'Healthy Workplaces: Lighten the Load 2020-22'. We care passionately about this issue, and see the campaign as a valuable opportunity in which to raise awareness, share guidance and good practices with other key stakeholders in Europe. Together, let's lighten the load!"

More information: [EU-OSHA Campaign](#) and CEMBUREAU's [Worker Protection Culture](#).

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**About CEMBUREAU**

The European Cement Association based in Brussels is the representative organisation of the cement industry in Europe. Currently, its Full Members are the national cement industry associations and cement companies of the European Union (except for Malta and Slovakia) plus the UK, Norway, Switzerland and Turkey. Croatia and Serbia are Associate Members of CEMBUREAU. A cooperation agreement has been concluded with Vassiliko Cement in Cyprus and the Cement Association of Ukraine. More information is available at [www.cembureau.eu](http://www.cembureau.eu).

The cement industry commits to high standards of health and safety for its workers and in the neighbourhoods around its factories. The industry is committed to 'Zero Harm' amongst its workers and contractors with continuous improvement of health and safety practices, behaviours and processes towards a healthy and safe working culture. The collection of safety key performance indicators (KPIs) and sharing of best practice is part of this process.