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Workshop on job retention and return-to-work of employees with chronic illness

Sunday, 24 August 2014, 10.00 - 12.00

Organizer: The European Network for Workplace Health Promotion (ENWHP)

The Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth (COM(2010)2020) sets the target of "achieving a 75% employment rate for 20-64 year olds throughout the EU". However, 23.5% of the working population in the 27 European member countries reported to suffer from a chronic illness and 19% stated that they have long-standing health issues.

The Promoting Healthy Work for Employees with Chronic Illness - Public Health and Work (PH Work) campaign, initiated by the European Network for Workplace Health Promotion (ENWHP), contributes to achieving the sustainable employment element of the overall strategy. Under the slogan "Work. Adapted for all. Move Europe", it enhances the coordination, communication, and collaboration between healthcare professionals and the workplace, and puts more focus on work-related issues (including adaptation of the workplace, reorganisation of tasks, matching jobs to abilities, supportive management).

The campaign (2011-2013) has been designed to contribute to the implementation of effective workplace health practices, by stimulating activities and policies in European companies to retain and encourage return-to-work of chronically ill employees, in order to prevent employees of moving into disability or early retirement.

The workshop presents the results of the campaign and contributes to the exchange of knowledge and improvement of cooperation among all stakeholders. The workshop welcomes everyone who is interested in the topic. For more information and to register, please send an e-mail to enwhp@prevent.be or go to http://www.amiando.com/workshopENWHP.html

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