

## VeSafe

## E-guide: good practices for workrelated vehicle risks.

Matthew Heppleston.

**Praise Conference** 

Brussels

24<sup>th</sup> October 2017





## Why do we need action?

- Vehicle-related accidents account for 29 % of all fatal occupational accidents!
- "Loss of control of a vehicle" is the number one major cause of accidents
- so whether you're a worker, an employer or a safety and health expert, you need to understand and control the hazard.





## Why do we need action?

- First cause of fatal accident at work
- Main types:
- 42% light vehicles
- 28% HGV
- 6% 2 or 3 wheelers
- Problem for young workers 13% of all fatal accidents for <25 years involved 2 or 3 wheels
- Overall 8% fatal accidents at work in age range 18-24 years.





## Introduction to the VeSafe project

- The <u>VeSafe e-guide</u> is an interactive one-stop shop for information on vehicle-related risks at work. It covers safe driving, workplace transport and working on or near a road.
- A joint effort by EU-OSHA and the European Commission, the guide includes many examples of good practice and an overview of relevant regulations.
- What's more, it's free and easy to use, and you can filter the information by risk or vehicle type.





## **VeSafe Project Consortium**





Norwegian Centre for Transport Research













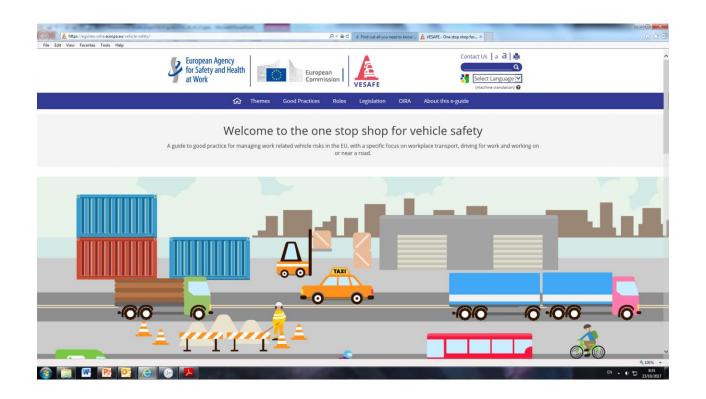
## Introduction to the E-guide

- The interface
- Key articles
- Good practices
- Database & Search engine
- Demo





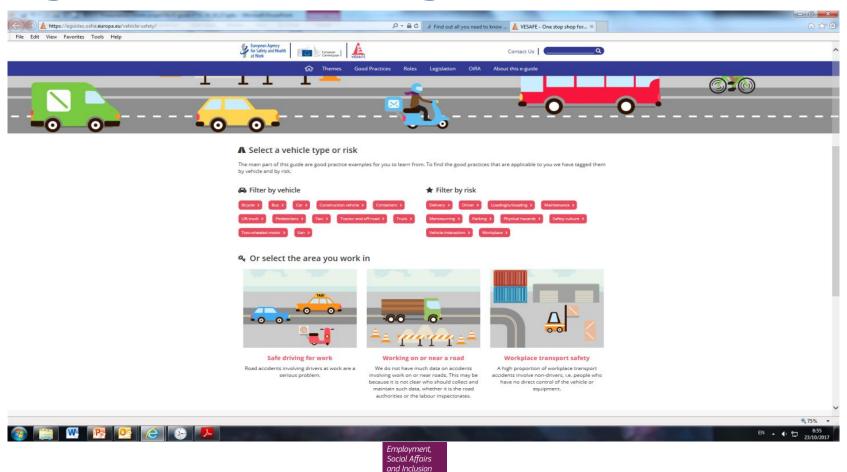
#### Welcome screen





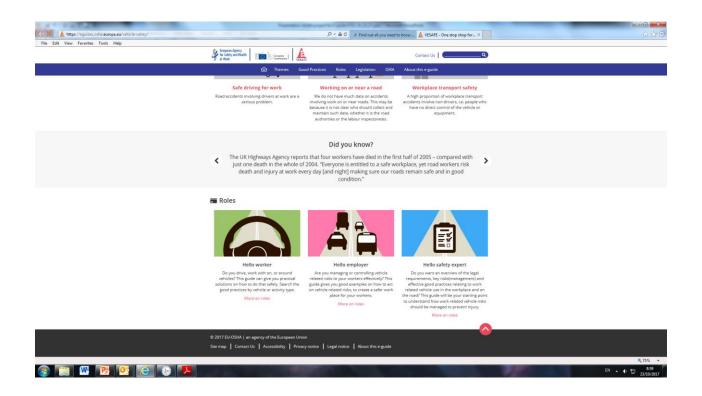


#### **E-guide – Searching**





#### Searching by role.





#### **Key articles**

- Based on EU directives, key literature, available expertise
- Three domains → Three key articles
- 1st domain: working on or near a road
- 2<sup>nd</sup> domain: workplace transport safety
- 3<sup>rd</sup> domain: safe driving for work





## **Key articles**

Each key article presents:

- Domain context
- Relevant issues/risks
- Regulations particular to that domain
- Strategies to define & implement measures
  - → reduce and control WRVR





#### **Good practices - identification**

- 301 Good Practices (GPs) throughout Europe
- Sources:
  - employers' & employees' associations, research institutes, EU-OSHA, inspectorates, insurance companies, non-governmental experts
  - EC OSH Advisory Committee Working Party
  - Well-defined internet searches
  - Earlier projects of continum partners



#### **Good practices – Selection criteria**

- Relevant occupational risks covered
- Can be included in employers' prevention policy
- No expert knowledge / special instruments needed
- Strong involvement of workers (& representatives)
- Proven safety effect
- Visual presentation of material, if possible
- Spread around Europe





#### **Good practices**

101 GPs have been rewritten for full presentation in the E-guide: general description and fact sheets

#### Fact sheet:

- Plain English (this facilitates auto-translation)
- Aim of the good practice
- Target group
- Risk types (connection to OiRA)
- Link to source website (if available)

Other 200 GPs: included as hyperlinks to external content



#### Searching and database

<u>Searching</u>: Good Practices are tagged to enable fast searching:

- Select a means of transport or risk type, or
- Through one domain in the key article, or
- Free text search

#### <u>Database</u>:

- Easy to navigate in and understand
- Google Translate functionality for each page
- Easy maintenance & uploading



Means of transport	Risk types
Bicycle	Delivery
Bus	Driver
Car	(Un)loading
Construction vehicle	Manoeuvring
Containers	Maintenance
Lift truck	Parking
Pedestrians	Physical hazards
Taxi	Safety culture
Tractor and off-road	Vehicle interaction
Truck	Workplace
Two-wheeled motor	
Van	





## **E-guide – Testing**

- 3 member states for testing: ES, DE, NL
- Diverse companies: passenger transport, delivery, heavy goods, ....
- Companies approached through unions, employee and worker representatives, EU OSHA survey panel, ETSC, etc

#### Feedback:

- Positive responses (majority)
- 'Look-and-feel' and structure are good
- Content is considered relevant, especially GPs
- 34% improved attitude toward safe behaviour
- 71% would recommend the site



#### **E-guide - where to find it**

Welcome to the one stop shop for vehicle safety

A guide to good practice to reduce work related vehicle risks in the EU.



#### Good practice

The guide contains good practices, many of them with fact sheets, and others included as hyperlinks. They are categorized by means and by risk type, but you can also do a free text search.

All good practices

#### Select a means type or risk

The main part of this guide are good practice examples for you to learn from. To

#### Key articles

This guide also contains three key articles that give a deep insight into safety issues in three domains: working on or near a road, workplace transport safety and safe driving for work.

All key articles

#### Sort by means



#### Translation

Each page in this e-guide can automatically be translated into other languages through the Google Translate functionality on top of the page.

#### Sort by risk

Delivering > Driver > Loading/unloading >

#### eguides.osha.europa.eu/vehicle-safety/





## Advantages of an e guide

- Automatic translation into many languages (also non-EU), this will improve over time
- E-guide structure allows for continuous updating and development
- Connect E-guide database with the OiRA risk evaluation tool





## **Conclusions of the VeSafe project**

E-guide on work-related vehicle risks is an attractive resource of practical knowledge for drivers, employers and safety experts

- Relevant and practical information freely available for all (particularly SMEs) throughout Europe
- Provides easy-to-implement Good Practices, which offers specific solutions for everyone



#### Challenges for the future

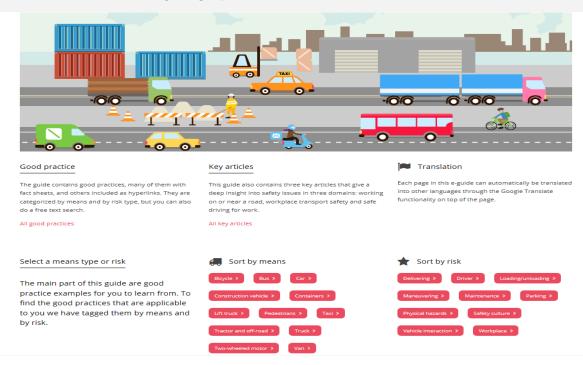
- Keep E-guide up-to-date with new state-of-theart information and Good Practices ...
- Keep information relevant and easy to find for the end-user
- ... and communicate this to stakeholders (e.g. SMEs, employers, workers)
- Give users the opportunity for online feedback





#### Welcome to the one stop shop for vehicle safety

A guide to good practice to reduce work related vehicle risks in the EU.



#### https://eguides.osha.europa.eu/vehicle-safety/





# Thank you for your attention and have a safe onward journey!

matthew.heppleston@ec.europa.eu

Weblink: http://ec.europa.eu/social

