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EUROPEAN AGENCY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK IN BILBAO ELECTS A DIRECTOR

Mr Hans-Horst Konkolewsky(1) , Deputy Director-General, Danish Working Environment Service, has been elected Director of the Bilbao-based European Agency for Safety and Health at Work by the 48 members of the administrative board, representing the Member States, the social partners and the European Commission. 812 people had applied for the job.

Appointed for a period of five years, the Director will be responsible for the running of the Agency; this includes :

- the preparation and publication of the Agency's annual work programme;
- the decisions and programmes adopted by the Administrative Board;
- the day-to-day administration of the Agency;
- all staff matters.

The Agency was created in October 1995. Its main function is to provide the Community bodies, the Member States and those involved in the area of health and safety at work, with technical and scientific information and to assist the Commission in carrying out its action programmes to strengthen and broaden the social dimension of the internal market. It is financed by the European Commission.

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