
International Co-operation on OHS - Impacts, Sustainability and Problems Perceived

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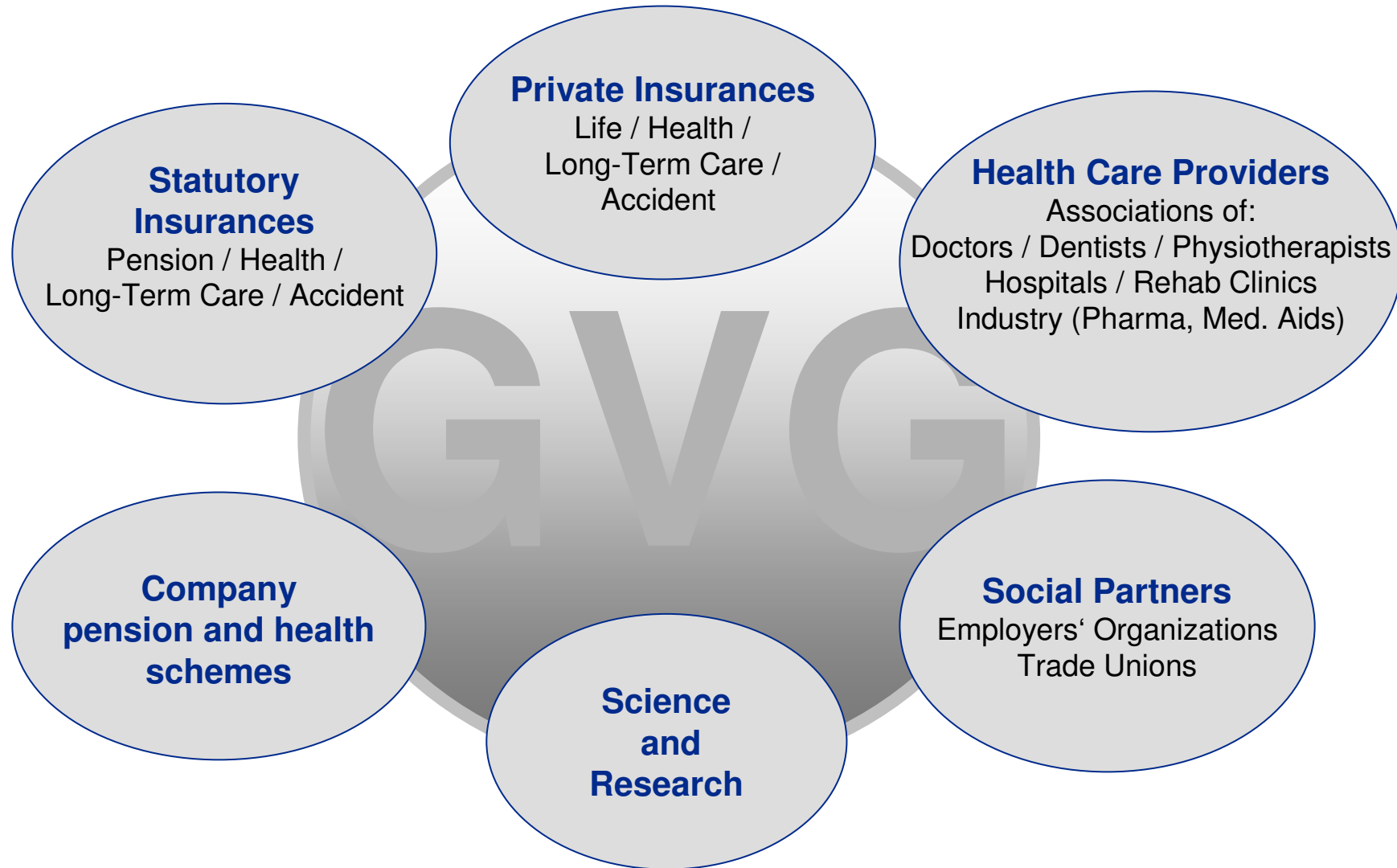
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Basis of our national Work

Mandate: Maintain and strengthen the **basic consensus** on the fundamental principles of the German social security system:

- **Solidarity**: Provide society's support to individuals in need
- **Subsidiarity**: bottom-up approach – first, the lower or more immediate level shall deal with matters in their area; higher levels get involved only in case of need
- Enforce individual risk coping (problem solving) capacities
- **Diversity**: Ensure a pluralistic system with a variety of institutions to take care of the specific needs of diverse population groups
- Ensure access of all members of society to a liberal and pluralistic system of social security and a broad scope of high-quality coverage for the major risks in life
- Based on the principle of self-government

What do we do internationally?

- International consultancy answering the large need in Eastern European Countries
- Basic requirement: modernise the OHS systems and adapt them to EU / ILO requirements
- Focus of international OHS projects clearly on prevention!
- Close co-operation with DGUV and German State and Federal State Authorities
- Only one project on the Accident Insurance System (Ukraine, EuropeAid114778: Support to the Development of the Accident Insurance system in Ukraine)

What do we do internationally?

In the following slides, some examples of our work are presented:

- To give an outline of possible interventions
- To demonstrate the variety of (also high or low) impacts of international co-operation
- To show some problems that may be faced in this field of work

Five basic interventions

Basic project interventions:

- OHS Policy / Strategy
- Capacities
- Training
- Social Dialogue
- Setting up institutions / infrastructure (e.g. OHS Centre, OHS Laboratory)

Exemplary projects I

A – Turkey

Turkey 1: large-scale TA (Technical Assistance) project
2004-2006 with DGOHS on policies, strategies, capacity
building / training, public awareness + OHS laboratory

Turkey 2: Twinning Project with LIB (Labour Inspection
Board) providing training in key risk areas (2008-09)

Ongoing:

Turkey 3: (but not implemented by GVG): introduction of
pilot OHS management systems at enterprise level,
parallel OHS Lab project (start 2010)

Turkey 4: PPE lab for market surveillance (start 2011)

Turkey 5: SEVESO II (still in forecast) ...

Exemplary projects II

B – Others

Azerbaijan 1: Worldbank (WB) project on Enhancing State Labour Inspectorat Service (SLIS) Capacities (2010–13)

Azerbaijan 2: EU Twinning on Support to SLIS for OHS Enhancement (2011-12)

Russian Federation: EU - TA on Approximation of OHS Legislation (2006-07)

Latvia: EU Twinning Occupational Health and Safety system (with Labour Inspectorate, 2006-07)

Ukraine: EU TA Support to Development of the Accident Insurance System (2004-05)

OHS projects - Assessment

Key features of work on projects

- 1) Design by the Beneficiary and Donor is very important
- 2) Continuity: how are project results taken on board and further elaborated
- 3) Political support: a strategy may be developed as an instrument to achieve ownership at all levels
- 4) Training: is it enough to evaluate training sessions? How can trainings (mainly for state officials) be improved
- 5) Exchange:
 - between experts
 - at enterprise level
 - on methodologies (training, awareness raising etc.)

Exemplary studies

Worldbank

- Macedonia: Feasibility study on strengthening enforcement capacity of the state labour inspectorate

DG EMPL

- Proposal for commission practical guidelines for training of workers involved in work with asbestos (2009-10)
- Impact on OHS in EU of the increasing use of portable computing and communications devices (2009-10)
- Report on ... OD systems in EU Member States ..., in particular relative to Recommendation 2003/670/EC concerning European Schedule of OD (start 2011)

OHS studies: Assessment

Key features of work on studies:

- 1) Contribution to health and safety of the workforce and the population (e.g. asbestos)
- 2) Harmonisation process with EU and international standards (Macedonia)
- 3) International institutional co-operation
- 4) Preparation of political decisions at EU level
- 5) Topics with potentially strong political impact
- 6) Are interventions well-targeted? Asbestos Guidelines vs. Standards e.g. regarding demolition works (asbestos roofs etc.)

Resume and Outlook

International Co-operation:

- Paves the way for economic co-operation
- Helps harmonise the social security systems (core labour standards, access to markets, competitiveness)
- Provides exchange of experts at even level
- Helps to reflect the own system
- **Supports the safeguarding of the workforce!**