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Maltese Representative appointed Rapporteur of Working Party to study OHS in Hospital Sector

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Dr Mark Gauci, the Chief Executive Officer of the Occupational Health and Safety Authority in Malta was elected official Rapporteur of the European Union Advisory Committee's Working Party on occupational health and safety in the hospital sector. The appointment was conferred during a meeting of the Committee in Luxembourg very recently.

Workers in the hospital sector who amount to about 10% of the EU's total workforce, are exposed to numerous risks, some of which only are covered by current EU legislation. This has heightened the need for more specific action at EU level in a bid to improve the protection of the health and safety of hospital personnel.

The participants agreed that although new legislation at EU level was not essential at present, there was a lacuna of information when it comes to recommendations and guides of good practice in the sector. They also stressed the need for more dissemination of information and the exchange of experience in this area.

"I am very pleased to have been elected in this position. This sector is a very essential one on both an economic and social dimension globally. An improvement in the health and safety of hospital sector staff will also lead to an improvement in the quality and effectiveness of the services provided to the patients," Dr Gauci said.

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