EU-Human Exposome Project

EXPOSOME PROJECT FOR HEALTH AND OCCUPATIONAL RESEARCH (EPHOR)

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What is EPHOR about?

The working life exposome: 'All occupational and related non-occupational (i.e. general environment, lifestyle, behavioural and socio-economic) exposure factors'

- Applying the exposome concept to working life health
- Providing better insights into the relationships between exposures during the working life and health at different life stages
- Laying the groundwork for evidence based and cost effective preventive actions





Why is this important?

- Occupational disease in EU countries:
 - 5-7% mortality, 2-6% GDP
- Challenges:
 - Single occupational exposure-single disease
 - Vulnerability unknown
 - Biological mechanisms unknown
 - Upcoming challenges:
 - Demographic changes: Ageing workforce, female participation
 - Changing nature of work
- Working life largely neglected in exposome studies

Working Life Exposome A Fundamental Shift



How will EPHOR reach that goal?





What will EPHOR deliver in 5 years



Better and more complete knowledge

- multiple exposures within the working-life exposome
 → NCDs
- complex interactions of exposures, internal markers, vulnerability



Innovative methods for working life exposome

- Collection, storage and interpretation
- Impact assessment





What are the critical needs for success

- Stakeholder interactions on their needs
 - Stakeholder advisory board:
 - ETUI, ICOH, NIOSH, EU EOSHA, ECETOC
 - 4 Stakeholder consultations



- Joint communication and dissemination strategy
- Exchange of knowledge:
 - Technical, e.g. data storage and analyses, sensors, internal exposome
 - Other: ethical aspects, making available and implementation of tools etc





How will EPHOR contribute to reaching the goals of the Green Deal



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