



Work better! Improve the quality of your working environment!

Maximizing the potential of businesses and employees

The Cooperation Centre

...uses its wide knowledge resources gained from practical experiences and broad scientific background to link science with the world of labour. Our activities range from collaborations with universities and businesses to provide consulting, advising, services, commissioned studies to research and innovation projects. The Cooperation Centre Hamburg is active at the regional, national and international level.

Our primary focus areas

... are almost exclusively topics from working environment. We are specialized in matters involving occupational safety and health, protection of the environment, work organisation and organisational development. Our main goal is the strengthening of development possibilities for companies and their personnel starting from improvement of work environment quality via joint projects and consulting which in the end leads to a better work output.

For years, we have raised significant amounts of extra funding for our work from national and international sponsors.

National and international studies:

We have worked together for more than 15 years with notable national and international project partners from German and foreign universities, companies and consulting agencies on many topics concerning occupational issues. These partners include inter alia numerous Directorates-General and EU Agencies, the German Institute for Standardization (DIN), the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA), employers' liability insurance associations and their umbrella organisations. Scientific organisations such as IVAM (Amsterdam University) or TNO in the Netherlands, France's INRS and the ISTAS from Spain also belong to our partners. The focus areas are all questions concerning innovative workplace safety and health protection.

Analysis of international occupational safety and health strategies

On behalf of the BAuA, the Cooperation Centre Hamburg carried out a comparative study in 2008 that analysed national safety and health strategies. The national strategies of numerous countries were described and

evaluated with the aim of supporting the development of the German strategic process in the field of occupational safety and health.

Practical implementation of EU directives

The EU regularly monitors the implementation and practical application of its directives. This applies for the implementation of the Chemical Agents Directive, which covers protection of employees' health and safety from the risks related to chemical agents at work.

As coordinator of an international consortium consisting (NL), the University of Cardiff (UK) and the national Polis for labour protection CIOP-PIB, the Cooperation Centre and evaluating this practical implementation within the two year study commissioned by the EU Directorate-General Employment, Social Affairs and Equal

Opportunities



Topic Centre of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

Since 1999, the Cooperation Centre Hamburg, along with a range of prestigious European institutes, has participated in the "Topic Centre Work Environment". The Topic Centre is financed by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work in Bilbao. Within Germany, the BAuA and the BG-Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in equal measure take an active part in this project. As a member of the Topic Centre, the Cooperation Centre has developed information material, studies and reports on the European level for many different subject areas.

Future developments - Nanotechnology

We are participants in the nanotechnology dialogue, which includes taking part in the NanoCommission. Posi-





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Consultancy and service

tive and negative expectations for the future are considered as well as foreseeable regulatory requirements. Our experience in the area of hazardous materials is of assistance to us in this field.

Offerings for services and consultation

We have established special services ranging from measurement of hazardous substances over interviewing about mental stress at work to development of interactive tools for the improvement of working processes and design.

Risk assessment with PIMEX

We are the leading institute in the field of video supported analysis of workplaces with direct indicating measuring instruments in Germany.

Chemical and physical burdens at work places are detected, recorded and analysed by the PIMEX analysis- and measuring system and by means of the video screen made visible in real time.

Ultra fine particles and bicyclists – PIMEX and environmental protection

Our work with PIMEX is not limited to workplace situation analysis. Using the PIMEX system, we have completed the first comparative study on bicyclists' exposure to respirable dust particles in three European capitals Vilnius, Budapest and Hamburg and one provincial capital Utrecht.

Companies and psychological stress

Over the course of our many years of experience in this area, we have seen a steadily increasing demand from businesses for an objective evaluation of their situation and for improvement methods. We use questionnaires suitable for the respective work environment in question and guarantee professional analysis and support.

Development of interactive databases and management systems

The Cooperation Centre Hamburg has developed interactive databases and management systems in the area of occupational safety and health. The main clients for these services are employers' liability insurance associations.

CLEANTOOL® – Interactive information and consulting for industrial metal surface cleaning

CLEANTOOL is the world's leading interactive database for field-tested, reliable and innovative industrial metal surface cleaning techniques (www.cleantool.org). The database gives users the ability to quickly and precisely evaluate cleaning processes used in their own businesses. In addition to CLEANTOOL, the Cooperation Centre Hamburg offers individual consultation for companies with particularly difficult cleaning problems. CLEANTOOL may be viewed in four languages and currently gets more than 100,000 hits per month.

Our work is

... certainly not routine. We don't propose standard solutions – rather, we focus on giving individual attention to every project. Complex work requires the avoidance of routine questions as well as a dependable working organisation. For this reason, the Cooperation Centre Hamburg has instituted a quality management system according to the standards of ISO 9001:2000. This quality management system also supports us as we set goals that promote the interests of our clients.

Our service and consultancy include:

- Help with project applications for businesses and universities (national and international)
- Measurements using PIMEX technology
- Risk analysis
- Seminars covering subjects such as nanotechnology or substitution of hazardous substances
- Consultation on various topics, e.g. the optimisation of industrial metal surface cleaning
- Evaluation of psychological stress in the workplace

You will find a more detailed and up to date description of our services in the leaflet "Services and Consultation" and on our website.

Have we aroused your interest? Then be welcomed to contact us.

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