

Press release

SBS Lift Forum
Safety at work in the lift sector
Highlights of the event

Brussels, December 7th, 2020

The last 2020 SBS event organised by EFESME was the SBS Lift Forum dedicated to **safety at work, and to European and national policies in this field**, which took place online on 3rd December.

The topic, always of crucial importance for all companies, became even more so during the Covid-19 emergency. EFESME and SBS therefore decided to study the topic, and to present different points of view and considerations on the subject: what are the **European policies on safety at work**, and **how do they involve SMEs**? What is the **national approach on the subject**, and **how do lift SMEs react to it**? And what is the **role of standards** in all this?

>>> The recording of the SBS Lift Forum is available online [HERE](#)

After the opening speeches by **Mr. Massimo Bezzi, President of [EFESME](#)**, and **Ms. Gunilla Almgren, President of [SBS – Small Business Standards](#)**, on the **importance of safety at work** for SMEs and to **role of standardisation in it**, the event moved to its first panel, dedicated to EU policies.

The speakers were Mr. **Matthias Fritz, from [EC DG-EMPL](#)**, and **Mr. Cockburn, from [EU-OSHA](#)**. Both spoke about **EU policies and studies on safety at work**, and about the several initiatives to involve SMEs to guarantee a safe place where to work.

>>> Mr. Fritz's presentation is available [HERE](#)

>>> Mr. Cockburn's presentation is available [HERE](#)

The second part of the Forum studied **safety at work from a national point of view**, thanks to the participation of EFESME members from Italy ([ANACAM](#)), Spain ([FEPYMA](#)) and Germany ([VmA](#)), who explained in detail the different national approaches to this important topic, with a focus on the activities carried out by the national lift SMEs associations.

>>> **Mr. Tattoli's presentation is available [HERE](#)**

>>> **Mr. Compagni's presentation is available [HERE](#)**

>>> **Mr. Niggemeier's presentation is available [HERE](#)**

>>> **How to prevent a fall from a cabin roof ([English](#)) more details ([German](#) only)**

The event proved to be extremely interesting for all parties involved, who had the opportunity to learn more about safety in the workplace and to learn about **opportunities, projects and initiatives at both European and national level**.

The most important lesson to be learnt from the Forum is that **safety in the workplace is certainly fundamental, but also very complicated: European, national and local initiatives are therefore necessary to ensure it, and to ensure full support for SMEs in doing so**.

Find more information on the event on the [EFESME website](#).