

**Work programme of the European Foundation for the improvement of living and working conditions**

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The Foundation's Administrative Board, comprising representatives of the Commission and of the governments, employers' federations and trade unions of each Member State, has adopted a work programme for the Foundation for 1990. It is the second to be implemented within the framework of the Foundation's current four-year rolling programme (1989 to 1992), and comprises new studies on the following themes:

**Developing social dialogue and industrial relations**

- Monitoring of participatory practices and innovations
- New trends in industrial relations

**Restructuring working life**

- Network of working time experts
- Bulletin of European shiftwork topics (BEST)
- The changing use of time: European Foundation archive of time budget data

**Promoting health and safety**

- Systems for monitoring of working conditions related to health and safety in the Community
- Screening techniques in health and safety at work
- Insurance systems and their preventive activities in the field of safety and health
- Practical preventive managerial tools
- The consideration of working conditions in the management of technical projects
- Innovative workplace action
- Ageing of the workforce and work organization

**Protecting the environment, the worker and the public**

- Education and training of categories of personnel concerned with environmental issues relating to industry
- Hazardous waste management in the European Community
- Environmental perspectives and the quality of life 1992 to 2000
- Protection and improvement of the environment in urban areas

**Raising the standard and quality of life for all**

- Coping with social and economic change at neighbourhood level
- Counselling the long-term unemployed
- Urban environment, accommodation and social cohesion: the implications for young people
- Family care of the elderly
- Social cohesion and mobility in the European Community — a forward look
- Consumer-oriented action in the public services
- Implications for women of the Foundation's work 1985 to 1990

**Assessing technologies of the future**

- The public and biotechnology
- The electronic home: Interactive telecommunications of the future
- Review of new materials affecting both working environment and the external environment

**Information projects**

- Network of national institutes for the improvement of working conditions
- Network of trade union research institutes for working conditions
- European summer school on anthropocentric technology
- Human-oriented implementation of industrial robot and CNC systems

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