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- The **KANBrief** is a quarterly update concerning news and trends in the field of OSH and standardization. The print version is published in German, English and French. The electronic version is also available in Italian and Polish.
- KAN regularly commissions **studies and expert opinions** to analyze in more precise detail OSH-related issues in standardization and to identify where improvement is needed in the standards concerning specific areas. The results are published and serve as the basis for KAN's recommendations for further action, which are then implemented.
- Our e-mail information service, **KANMAIL**, supplies brief updates on OSH and standardization to a wide readership in Germany and abroad in German, English and French.
- Our **series of flyers** provides concise information on key standardization issues.

The European communication platform **EUROSHNET** (www.euroshnet.eu) provides a means for experts to discuss OSH-related topics in the fields of standardization, testing/certification and research. EUROSHNET users can search for experts on particular topics in order, for example, to discuss certain points or to exchange documents. Where experts from different countries share a common position on OSH issues, it is easier for them to assert their opinion at the European and, increasingly, the international level. The EUROSHNET network offers general information plus a public area and a restricted area, open only to representatives of European OSH institutions.

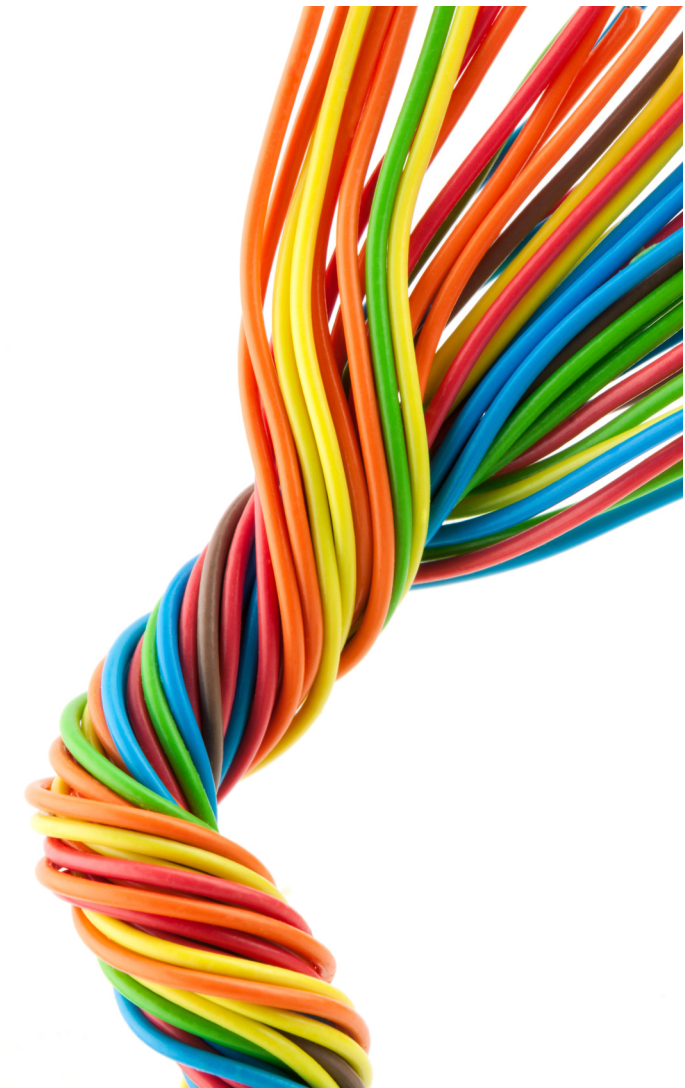


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Presenting: **KAN**



Who we are

How we can support you

Tools and information

The task of the **Commission for Occupational Health and Safety and Standardization (KAN)** is to monitor standardization work from the occupational safety and health (OSH) perspective and to ensure OSH interests are reflected in standardization.

The **social partners, state, the statutory accident insurance institutions and DIN** are represented in KAN. The Commission "pools" the opinions of the various OSH stakeholders (based on a broad consensus between all parties) and supplies the resulting position as input, in the form of comments, on current and planned standardization projects or existing standards, via DIN. It also represents the opinion of the German OSH world in debates concerning standardization policy. KAN itself is not a standardization body, however.

KAN was created in 1994. Responsibility for the Commission lies with the **Association for the Promotion of Occupational Safety in Europe (VFA)** and financial support is provided by the **Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs**. Its membership consists of the Social Accident Insurance Institutions for trade and industry and for the public sector.

At our website www.kan.de/en you can find information on occupational health and safety in standardization, all of KAN's publications, and information on KAN's structure, purpose and approach.

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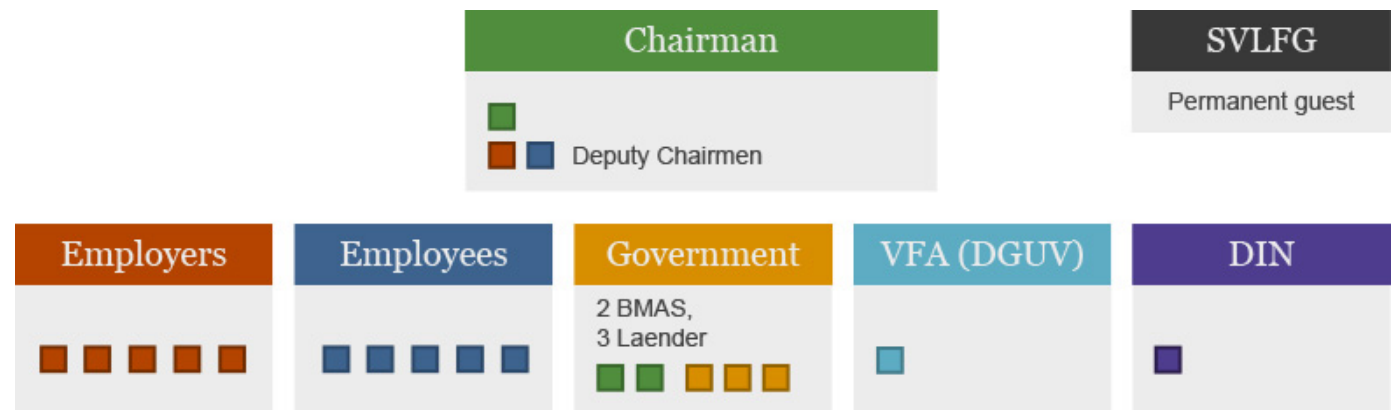
- We formulate consensus-based OSH positions on key standardization issues
- We assess standards to determine whether they meet the OSH requirements from the German point of view and comply with the protection goals specified in European directives
- We exert influence on standardization programmes and mandates issued by the European Commission to the CEN/CENELEC standards bodies
- We initiate new standards if necessary from the point of view of OSH
- We distribute information on standardization work for OSH experts

With the **NoRA KAN-Praxis** search tool, users can search specifically for standards with OSH-related content. <http://nora.kan-praxis.de/en>

KAN Praxis

At <http://ergonomie.kan-praxis.de/en>, KAN has posted **ergonomics teaching modules**, which can even be used by lecturers with no ergonomics knowledge. The modules focus on machinery and plant ergonomics but much of the content can also be used for other fields.

We feel it is important to provide OSH experts with information and continuing professional development on standardization matters. Our services in this area include regular **seminars on "Principles of standardization work in occupational safety and health"** in cooperation with the Institute for Work and Health (IAG) in Dresden (www.dguv.de/iag/en).



BMAS: Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs; VFA: Association for the Promotion of Occupational Safety in Europe; DGUV: German Social Accident Insurance; DIN: German Institute for Standardization; SVLFG: Social insurance institution for agriculture, forestry and horticulture