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## Closing conference Brussels, 22-23 October 2013:

### ‘ Promoting healthy work for employees with chronic illness ’

**Chronic diseases** affect a relatively large part of the European workforce. Faced with a rapidly ageing workforce and labour shortages, there is a good case for investing in workplace health and sustainable employment in Europe.

**The European Network for Workplace Health Promotion (ENWHP)** has been a frontrunner in European workplace health promotion since 1996.

The objective of the latest ENWHP initiative is to promote healthy work for people with chronic illnesses and disabilities – either by helping them keep their job (job retention) or by supporting their return to work. This initiative is coordinated by Prevent, the Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

‘Promoting Healthy Work for Employees with Chronic Illness - Public Health and Work (PHWork)’ is the 9<sup>th</sup> ENWHP initiative and will be concluded in October 2013 with a large conference in Brussels, Belgium.

The **aims** of this conference are to raise further awareness about the impact of chronic diseases on the labour market and the social security, and to exchange and improve knowledge and cooperation of all stakeholders about the possibilities to retain workers with a chronic disease, or facilitate their return to work.

**The conference will reunite** stakeholders from public health and workplace health organisations, representatives from major public health, and workplace health EU policy stakeholders.

Workplace health strategies, as well as good practices and recommendations on job retention, early intervention or return to work will be presented to the public.



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