

REPORT PRESS CONFERENCE 31/07/2018 Law on Occupational Health and Safety

The Association of Employers of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina organized on July 31 round table on the topic "Law on Occupational Health and Safety ", after which a press conference was held. The media were addressed by Director of the Association of Employers of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Mladen Pandurević and proffesor Ivo Rozić.

The aim of the PRESS conference was the existing Law on occupational health and safety.

Mladen Pandurević, direcor of UP FBiH said on the press conference: "This Law is 29 years old and was adopted while the Socialist Republic of BiH still existed in Yugoslavia. The penalties are stated in Yugoslav dinar which is not applicable in practice. Outdated provisions of the law are not in accordance with ILO conventions, EU directives and the European Social Charter and as such, do not provide adequate high standards of occupational safety. This is causing a lot of problems to the employees and the state (due to abnormally high medical treatment expenses), as well as employers who invest in the occupational safety system and are less competitive with employers who avoid investing in occupational safety and health."

Professor Ivo Rozic pointed out that he was engaged by the Association of the Employers of FBiH within the "Legislative Regulator" project financed by the ILO, to prepare the Draft Law on OHS to bring the quality to this Law and how the new Law would be in line with ILO Conventions and EU Directives.

The press conference was attended large number of electronic media, print media and one radio representatives.