

Metinvest group is Ukraine's first organisation to receive Vision Zero certificate

On 18 April, a business breakfast titled 'Zero Accident Strategy: Benefits and Opportunities for Business' took place in the run-up to the World Day For Safety and Health at Work. At the event, Metinvest Group CEO Yuriy Ryzhenkov received a Vision Zero certificate from Helmut Ehnes, Secretary General of International Section of the International Social Security Association (ISSA) on Prevention in the Mining Industry (ISSA Mining).



Metinvest Group operates and builds its strategy in line with sustainable development principles. Occupational health and safety issues are among top priorities of the company. Metinvest is Ukraine's first organisation that has received international Vision Zero certificate.

Now the Group is implementing a range of large-scale investment projects engaging both in-house employees and independent contractors. We conduct a wide H&S outreach campaign among them to prevent accidents at work.

ISSA presented the Vision ZERO campaign (Zero Accident) at the XXI World Congress on Safety and Health at Work in Singapore on 4 September 2017. The initiative is a ground-breaking approach to the entire organisational H&S system. Seven golden rules lie at the heart of the campaign that will help employers reduce occupational injury and morbidity rates. All the rules are flexible and suitable for organisations of any scale around the globe. These are ready-to-use tools to develop occupational health and safety strategy in any business.

Metinvest Group CEO Yuriy Ryzhenkov:

"Human life is a key asset at Metinvest Group. As part of our business strategy, the company is improving and adopting the world's best practices to create safe working conditions at our plants. Our participation in the Vision Zero sets higher safety standards for us. We seek not only to meet legal requirements, but also to take additional measures to mitigate risks."

ISSA Secretary General Helmut Ehnes:

"Our Association has developed a strategy to prevent workplace accidents. It is simple and includes seven rules. If an organisation cooperates with us, it adheres to the rules. We have a range of developments and tools, support workshops and lectures, as well as create networking and experience sharing opportunities within the organisation."