

## The Institute for Work Design of North Rhine-Westphalia (LIA.nrw)

Technological change, new forms of work, aging population and international competition are challenges for enterprises and workers in the today's world of work. Safe machinery, ergonomic working conditions, good work organization and social relations become factors of greater importance when struggling to manage these changes. The Institute for Work Design of North Rhine-Westphalia (LIA.nrw) offers counselling to meet future challenges at work. Established in 2012 the institute's core business is advising and supporting the state government and the occupational safety and health (OSH) enforcement authorities in North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) on issues of health & safety at work and consumer protection. LIA.nrw areas of activity range from safety and health policy to prevention and health promotion, occupational health management and the healthy design of working conditions. Major activities are:

- Supporting inspection work of the regional enforcement offices and the management of programmes under the Joint German OSH Strategy (GDA);
- Providing counselling for policy-making, supporting the state monitoring programmes and preparing reports and analyses of the situation of safety and health in North Rhine-Westphalia;
- Strengthening consumer protection in North Rhine-Westphalia by providing services as official technical device and product testing unit and participating in the surveillance of ambient radiation;
- Fostering use and transfer of scientific knowledge and providing expert advice and guidance to stakeholders, practitioners, management and workers in OSH by using a web based tool (KomNet).
- Participating in the occupational disease recognition scheme as the occupational medicine unit of the state.
- In order to enhance performance LIA.nrw maintains and strengthens linkages, cooperation and networking with professionals, practitioners, academic institutions, agencies and organisations regarding OSH, work design and health promotion at state, federal, European and international level.

As a key organisation in the occupational safety and health sector, the institute with its current premises in Düsseldorf will concentrate part of its activities in the location of the health campus in Bochum.

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