

Mr Jukka Takala's curriculum vitae

Jukka Takala took over as **Director of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)** in September 2006.

Dr Takala has worked in the safety and health field for more than 30 years. Before joining the Agency he was at the International Labour Organisation, where he was Director of the International Programme on Safety and Health at Work and the Environment (SafeWork), the ILO's largest programme in social protection.

Dr Takala succeeded Hans-Horst Konkolewsky, who had been the Agency's only Director since its launch in September 1996.

Dr Takala is a mechanical engineer by training and holds a doctorate in technology from the Tampere University of Technology.

Now he is based in Bilbao, Dr Takala is busy learning Spanish, as well as Basque, which does not look so difficult compared to his native Finnish.