

**Accurate reporting of performance is at the heart of Responsible Care.**

In Europe, Cefic collects data on the industry's health, safety and environmental performance and reports to our stakeholders every year.

The process enables our associations and companies to share best practice and so improve their performance. Currently Cefic collects data on 16 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). In 2008, 21 European associations have reported their national data for 2007 into the new KPI data reporting system set up by Cefic and the ICCA: Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom. Some countries are not represented in one or the other matched samples shown below which require annual figures since 2003.

**Fatalities**

We are very sorry to report that 8 employees lost their lives at work in 2007. Every fatality is regarded as one too many. All cases are investigated and actions taken to avoid similar occurrences from happening again. The fatality rate in 2007 based on the number of cases per 100,000 employees is 1.02 (data from 19 countries). This is a remarkable improvement in comparison to the base year 2003 (17 fatalities, rate 2.02) and also compared to 2006 (15 fatalities, rate 1.87). 14 countries have also reported safety information on contractors. Sadly, eight contractors died while working for the chemical industry in 2007 (six fatalities in 2006).

