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# Public consultation on EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work

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#### Introduction

The aim of this open public consultation is to take stock of the quality and implementation of the Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 and to receive input for the future Strategic Framework 2021-2027.

For further information, we kindly refer you to the current Strategic Framework, which can be accessed in your own language **here.** 

This open public consultation will be available for 12 weeks from 7 December to 1 March 2021.

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#### GENERAL VIEWS ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

The EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 supports the promotion of high standards for occupational safety and health both within the EU and internationally. It aims to address the major health and safety at work challenges facing the EU through the implementation of a range of different actions at national and EU level. For more information, please see the Framework itself, which can be accessed in your own language **here**.

In this section, we are interested to understand your level of engagement with the existing EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 and hear your views on how the situation within your country and/or the EU has changed since 2014.

Are you involved in or do you contribute to the design and/or implementation of occupational safety and health (OSH) policy, legislation and/or other measures? Please select what best applies to you.

- Yes, at EU level
- Yes at national or sub-national (regional, municipal) level
- Yes, I/my organisation are involved in OSH policy and/or legislation implementation in the workplace
- Yes, in another capacity
- No, not at any level

Please answer the survey from your own perspective – for example based on the situation in your company, your country or, if you deal with occupational safety and health (OSH) issues at EU level, based on the situation in the EU as a whole.

Thinking about the situation in your country / the EU, has workplace safety and health in your opinion become better since 2014?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

## Please specify why:

500 character(s) maximum

More consciousness about psycho-social risks at work, more serious support for it external from the job (GPs, training provided to employers and employees). However, some burdens have grown heavier, such as the need to adapt equipment to regulations in the agriculture sector, increasing debts and mental distress for farmers.

Increased work on screens and the telework context increased the importance to address risks to workers' sight.

Do you agree or disagree that sufficient action has been taken since 2014 to ensure high level of protection of workers' health and safety by...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don' t know
the European Parliament and the Council	0	0	•	0	0	0
the European Commission	0	0	•	0	0	0
national or regional authorities (ministries of employment, national institute for occupational safety and health (OSH), labour inspectorate, etc.)	0	0	•	•	•	0
employers	0	0	•	0	0	©
employers' organisations at EU level	0	0	•	0	0	0
employers' organisations at national level	0	0	•	0	0	0
workers	0	0	•	0	0	0
workers' organisations (trade unions, etc.) at EU level	0	0	•	0	0	0
workers' organisations (trade unions, etc.) at national level	0	0	•	0	0	©

- \*How familiar are you with the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at work 2014-2020?
  - Very familiar (I know it in detail)
  - Somewhat familiar (I know certain aspects)
  - Not familiar (or only to a very limited degree)

In your opinion, how important are the following priorities of the EU OSH Strategic Framework 2014-2020 in relation to the key occupational safety and health (OSH) issues faced in your country / the EU since 2014:

	Very Important	Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Don' t know
Simplify existing OSH legislation	0	0	•	0	0
Further consolidate national OSH strategies, aligning them with the EU OSH Strategic Framework	•	0	0	0	0
Address health and safety issues, such as the ageing of the workforce, emerging new risks, prevention of work-related and occupational diseases	•	•	•	0	•
Facilitate compliance with OSH legislation, particularly by micro and small enterprises	•	0	0	0	0
Improve statistical data collection and develop the information base on work related diseases and health issues	•	0	0	0	0
Better enforcement of OSH legislation by EU Member States	0	•	0	0	0
Better coordinate EU and international efforts to address OSH and engage with international organisations	•	•	0	0	0

#### VIEWS ON THE EU STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2014-2020

In this section, we are interested to understand your views on progress against the specific challenges and objectives identified in the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020. The Strategic Framework defined 7 strategic objectives and a set of actions to be taken by different actors at EU and national level to help achieve each of these objectives.

#### The strategic objectives are:

- 1. Further consolidate national strategies
- 2. Facilitate compliance with OSH legislation, particularly by micro and small enterprises
- 3. Better enforcement of OSH legislation by Member States
- 4. Simplify existing legislation
- 5. Address the ageing of the workforce, emerging new risks, prevention of work-related and occupational diseases
- 6. Improve statistical data collection and develop the information base
- 7. Better coordinate EU and international efforts to address OSH and engage with international organisations

For more information on the challenges and objectives, please see the Framework itself, which can be accessed in your own language **here**.

Do you agree or disagree that the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 ...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don' t know
focussed on the key challenges and issues in the area of OSH?	0	•	0	0	0	0
strategic objectives responded to key challenges and issues in the area of OSH?	•	•	0	0	0	0
was clear in the way it was structured and formulated?	0	•	0	0	0	0
ensured involvement and ownership from stakeholders?	0	0	•	0	0	0

Safety at Work 2014-2020 called on Member States to review their national occupational safety and health (OSH) strategies in light of the new EU framework. The Commission and EU-OSHA were tasked with establishing a database covering all national OSH strategies, and facilitating the exchange of good practices. In your opinion and based on your experience, do you agree or disagree that actions taken by Member States ...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don' t know
made good progress?	0	0	•	0	0	0
led to tangible results?	©	0	•	0	0	0
were relevant to the actual priorities in the area of OSH?	0	•	0	0	0	0
involved the appropriate stakeholders?	0	0	•	0	0	0

Has your country developed a new occupational safety and health strategy or updated its existing one since 2014?

Yes

- O No
- Don't know

Do you agree or disagree that the occupational safety and health strategy of your country is aligned with the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 as regards its priorities / key objectives?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

Under its **second strategic objective** the **EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020** called on Member States to provide support on implementing IT-based tools to facilitate compliance with occupational safety and health legislation. The Commission, in collaboration with EU-OSHA and/or other actors, was tasked with developing guidance, promoting the exchange of good practices, and carrying out awareness raising activities.

Based on your experience, do you agree or disagree that these actions...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don' t know
made good progress?	0	0	0	0	0	•
led to tangible results?	0	0	0	0	0	•
were relevant to the actual priorities in the area of OSH?	•	0	0	0	0	0
involved the appropriate stakeholders?	0	0	0	0	0	•

The <u>Framework's</u> third strategic objective called for better enforcement of occupational safety and health (OSH) legislation by Member States. Key actions included: mapping labour inspectorates' resources and evaluating their capacities to enforce OSH legislation, evaluating the programme of exchange/training of labour inspectors, and assessing the effectiveness of monitoring compliance.

Based on your experience, do you agree or disagree that these actions...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don' t know
made good progress?	0	0	0	0	0	•
led to tangible results?	0	0	0	0	0	•
were relevant to the actual priorities in the area of OSH?	•	0	0	0	0	0
involved the appropriate stakeholders?	0	0	0	0	0	•

Under its **fourth strategic objective** the **EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020** refers to the simplification of legislation at both EU and national level, in order to reduce unnecessary burden, and to encourage the promotion of good practice.

Based on your experience, do you agree or disagree that these actions...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don' t know
made good progress?	0	0	•	0	0	0
led to tangible results?	0	•	0	0	0	0
were relevant to the actual priorities in the area of OSH?	0	•	0	0	0	0
involved the appropriate stakeholders?	0	•	0	0	0	0

Under its **fifth strategic objective**, to address the ageing of the workforce, emerging new risks, and work-related and occupational diseases, the **EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020** called for support in the dissemination of findings from the European Risk Observatory, and good practices to support older and other specific groups of workers, as well as mental health issues at work, were to be identified and promoted.

Based on your experience, do you agree or disagree that these actions...

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don' t know

made good progress?	0	•	0	0	0	0
led to tangible results?	0	0	•	0	0	0
were relevant to the actual priorities in the area of OSH?	•	0	0	0	0	0
involved the appropriate stakeholders?	0	0	•	0	0	0

Under its **sixth strategic objective** the **EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020** outlined the need to improve available data and information, inter alia by assessing and improving the availability and comparability of data on accidents at work, and on occupational diseases at EU level.

Based on your experience, do you agree or disagree that these actions...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don' t know
made good progress?	0	0	0	0	0	•
led to tangible results?	0	0	0	0	0	•
were relevant to the actual priorities in the area of OSH?	0	•	0	0	0	0
involved the appropriate stakeholders?	0	0	0	0	0	•

Under its **seventh strategic objective**, the <u>EU Strategic Framework on Health</u> and Safety at Work 2014-2020 identified several actions to better coordinate EU and international efforts to promote occupational safety and health (OSH) in the world and to strengthen support to candidate countries and international cooperation.

Based on your experience, do you agree or disagree that these actions...

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don' t know
made good progress?	0	•	0	0	0	0
led to tangible results?	0	•	0	0	0	0
were relevant to the actual priorities in the area of OSH?	•	0	0	0	0	0

involved the appropriate	0	0	0	0	0	•
stakeholders?						

Do you agree or disagree that the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 contributed to better work place health and safety for specific groups of workers who may be identified as potentially facing specific risk factors, such as women, older workers, workers with disabilities, seasonal workers, migrant workers, etc. as well as the self-employed?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neither Agree nor Disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't know

Please provide further details regarding the specific group potentially at risk and/or risks faced.

500 character(s) maximum

Regarding ageing, women and workers with disabilities, the topic chosen was very relevant, however the Strategy lacked resources and enforcement to make tangible progress that is identifyable with being the result of the EU's OSH strategy

In your opinion, were the following stakeholders involved in **the design** of the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 and its actions?

	Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not at all	Don' t know
National or regional public authorities (ministries of employment, national institute for OSH, labour inspectorates, etc.)	0	0	0	0	•
Employers' organisations (employers' associations, trade associations, etc.)	0	•	0	0	0
Workers' organisations (trade unions, etc.)	0	•	0	0	0
Employers (incl. self-employed)	0	0	0	0	•
Academic / research institutions	0	0	0	0	•
OSH professionals (private experts / consultants, external prevention service providers, OSH network members, etc.)	0	0	0	0	•

Public insurance organisations	0	•	0	0	0	
Other civil society organisations/NGOs	0	0	•	0	0	
Other	0	0	0	0	•	

	If chosen "Other	" please	specify	which	stakeholder.
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## In your opinion, did the following stakeholders contribute to **the implementation** of the EU OSH Strategic Framework 2014-2020 and its actions?

	Too much	About the right amount	Too little	Not at all	Don' t know
National or regional public authorities (ministries of employment, national institute for OSH, labour inspectorates, etc.)	0	•	0	0	0
Employers' organisations (employers' associations, trade associations, etc.)	0	•	0	0	0
Workers' organisations (trade unions, etc.)	0	•	0	0	0
Employers (incl. self-employed)	0	•	0	0	0
Academic / research institutions	0	0	•	0	0
OSH professionals (private experts / consultants, external prevention service providers, OSH network members, etc.)	0	0	•	0	0
Public insurance organisations	0	0	•	0	0
Other civil society organisations/NGOs	0	0	•	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	•

## If chosen "Other" please specify which stakeholder.

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In your opinion, what were the most significant barriers to fulfilling the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 objectives? Please select up to three answers. If you don't perceive any barrier, you can skip the question.

at most 4 choice(s)

Lack of interest/uptake by workers

	Lack of coordination between different European Commission services and
	/or other EU institutions
1	National OSH strategies not aligned to EU strategic objectives and actions
	Lack of commitment or engagement of the EU institutions
	Lack of interest/uptake by employers
	Lack of monitoring, benchmarks and targets
<b>V</b>	EU strategic objectives and actions not leading to concrete results / having
	limited impact
<b>V</b>	Limited human and financial resources
<b>V</b>	EU strategic objectives and actions not being relevant enough / not aligning
	to OSH priorities
	Lack of commitment or engagement of social partners
	Lack of technical capacity among stakeholders to engage with OSH priorities
	Other
	External factors, such as the COVID-19 pandemic
	Economic context
	Lack of awareness/understanding of OSH among key stakeholders
	Lack of commitment, engagement or coordination of / among EU Member
	States

#### OVERALL OPINIONS AND VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OSH STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

In this section, we are keen to understand your views on what should be included in a new EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work. This includes questions around key challenges and objectives that should be addressed, the type of actions which should be included and what the main priorities of such a policy initiative should be.

In your view, did the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 contribute to improved health and safety at work at...

	To a great extent	Somewhat	Very little	Not at all	Don't know
EU level?	0	•	0	0	0
national level?	0	•	0	0	0
regional level?	0	•	0	0	0
the workplace (for example in your organisation)?	0	•	0	0	0

Please briefly explain why you believe the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 contributed – or not – to improved health and safety at work.

500 character(s) maximum

The priority themes set out – such as ageing, psycho-social risks and new and emerging risks are relevant and were important to be addressed. Progress is however limited as they were dealt with by soft law instruments (campaigns) rather than legislation (except for the carcinogens directive). New forms of employment and their coverage by OSH legislation has unfortunately not been addressed, nor rehabilitation and reintegration into work after longer periods of disease or disability.

Thinking ahead to the next 7 years (2021-2027), how important do you think the following will be in terms of OSH policy and action at EU level to be included in a Strategic Framework?

	Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Don' t know
Promoting social dialogue	•	0	0	0
Promoting cooperation and coordination of OSH policies across policy areas, such as health, education, environment, chemicals etc.	•	0	0	0
Effective application of OSH legislation	•	0	0	0
Updating and adapting OSH related legislation	•	0	0	0
Supporting enforcement activities	•	0	0	0
Development and dissemination of OSH guidance, good practices and other awareness raising activities	•	0	0	0
International cooperation and coordination of OSH policy	0	•	0	0

In your view, has the Covid-19 pandemic increased or decreased the importance of any of the following OSH-related issues...

	Significantly Increased	Slightly Increased	Neither Increased not Decreased	Slightly Decreased	Significantly Decreased	Don' t know
infectious disease prevention measures in the workplace, including where risk of infection is higher or in essential services	•	0	0	0	0	0
increase of teleworking / remote working / working from home and prevention of related risks	•	0	0	0	0	0
work-related psycho-social risks / ergonomic risks prevention	•	0	0	0	0	0
access to OSH related information	•	0	0	0	0	0
coordination among Member States in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic at the workplace	•	0	0	0	0	0
effective OSH measures for vulnerable groups of workers, such as seasonal, migrant, temporary or self-employed workers	•	0	0	0	0	0
enforcement issues	•	0	0	0	0	0

Thinking about the future (the next seven years), do you think a new EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work and its priorities should...

- remain broadly the same
- be fundamentally changed/adapted
- be updated/adapted
- be discarded there is no need for an EU-level OSH Framework
- other

Thinking ahead to the next 7 years (2021-2027): What are the key challenges that are common across the EU and require further OSH policy action? Please select up to four answers.

at most 4 choice(s)

- Ergonomic risks and musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs)
- OSH risks to specific socio-demographic groups (women, migrants, etc.)
- OSH risks emerging from nanotechnology/nanomaterials
- Other
- OSH risks emerging from robotics/automation/new technologies
- OSH risks emerging from climate and environmental change (such as infectious diseases)
- Increased working from home / teleworking
- OSH risks emerging from ICT/digitalisation (increased digitalisation, AI, workers' surveillance, right to disconnect)
- Promotion of international OSH policy collaboration dimension
- Preparedness for future threats to workers' health and safety (e.g. infectious diseases)
- Psychosocial risks (increased work intensity, blurring of work-private life, etc.)
- Risks from dangerous substances (e.g. chemicals / carcinogens)
- OSH risks emerging from the rise of platform economy (gig-work, increased precarious and atypical work)

What practical solutions do you suggest to address all or some of these key challenges?

2500 character(s) maximum

Psychosocial risks: recognition as an occupational risk and development of legislation on preventing and tackling them would be warranted. Risks such as burnout concern professions such as retail workers, farmers, law enforcement, education. This is linked to increasing pressure to reach quantitative objectives, financial concerns (farmers), lack of control over working hours and no support from the hierarchy, in some

professions increased exposure to psychological distress and violence, including potentially dangerous situations without support from the work environment.

Ergonomic and MSDs: a broader and more intense effort in providing adequate information to workers, including and especially in telework settings, would be important. The increase of telework linked to the pandemic triggers the need to adapt prevention of MSDs.

'Nanomaterials' is an area for increased vigilance

Platform economy: the platform economy should be subject to the same occupational health and safety requirements than any other enterprise and enforcement should be effective. Many risks linked to the platform economy also are part of professions that are in essence linked to temporary work (technicians in the event economy, construction, ...) who have to be called shortly before a work assignment without adequate preparation for their security

Socio-demographic groups: preventing, informing on and tackling occupational risks especially of women and of ageing workers and prevention of these risks should be intensified

The global dimension should also be addressed in the next OSH strategy, to avoid exporting professional risks to other parts of the world from which the EU derives its imports, including and especially regarding the raw materials and mining sectors.

The past campaigns of EU-OSHA were very relevant, however more resources would be needed to make them more impactful and reach the workplace level, esp. micro- and small enterprises.

There need to be initiatives to further promote reintegration and rehabilitation after absences of workers due to disability or a chronic disease and further awareness-raising and support for implementing the right to reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities, even with slight disabilities, as stipulated in the Employment Equality Directive (2000/78/EC)

How important do you think it is that a new EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work covering the next seven years contributes to...

	Very Important	Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Don' t know
improving the application of EU rules	0	•	0	0	0
ensuring evidence-based policy	•	0	0	0	0
anticipating and managing change for better and longer working lives	•	0	0	0	0
preventing work-related diseases and accidents	•	0	0	0	0
promoting higher occupational safety and health standards in the world	0	•	0	0	0
improving OSH strategies at national level?	0	•	0	0	0

Should a new EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work define in detail a list of objectives, actions, timelines and actors involved in the implementation of such actions, or should it set a vision for the future, and a definition of goals and priorities?

Define in detail a list of objectives, actions, timelines and actors involved in the implementation of such actions

- Set a vision for the future, and a definition of goals and priorities
- Don't know

In your view, what main issues should be included in the successor to the current EU OSH Strategic Framework, covering the next seven years?

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Demographic change of the workforce should be better addressed, as many occupational risks intensify through longer exposure due to longer working lives. Therefore, OSH policies, rules and regulations should be much more preventive by not only focussing on avoiding acute risks (such as accidents), but also affections arising from long-term exposure to otherwise non-risky activities (repetition, lack of variety, lack of control over work setting and working time, ...). Risk mitigation approaches such as regular job rotation or mid-term career assessments should be integrated into OSH policies.

OSH policies are also en entry-point for promoting age-friendly and disability-friendly workplaces by establishing the EU legal obligation of reasonable accommodation of persons' disabilities (light and heavy), making it known with employers and offering support to implementing it in practice.

The question of motivation to work should be fully included in approaches to prevent mental health risks and increase the ability of workers to work for longer.

The rise of the platform economy creates problems in the form of access to information about OSH rules and procedures by workers who are only employed short-term and with short on-call times

The particular issues of certain professions, such as financial distress and burden of farmers, psycho-social risks of personnel in the education, health, care or law enforcement sectors, or protection of workers in exposed professions such as journalists - especially female journalists - from harassment in the context of social media should be better addressed

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