

# OTHER INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS

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# Communication on Safer and Healthier Work

adopted in January 2017 further to the ex-post evaluation of 24 OSH directives

*Aims at tackling the OSH challenges identified by proposing actions along 3 priority areas:*

*Stepping up the fight against occupational cancer and exposure to chemicals (CMD1, CMD2, CMD3 + 4<sup>th</sup> list, 5<sup>th</sup> list CAD)*

*Helping businesses, in particular micro and SMEs, comply with OSH rules (developing guides with OSHA and SLIC, peer reviews with MS)*

*Cooperating with Member States and social partners to remove or update outdated rules and to refocus efforts on ensuring better and broader protection, compliance and enforcement on the ground. (6 Directives targeted: Biological Agents, Personal Protective Equipment, Medical treatment on-board vessels, OSH signs, Display screen equipment and workplaces)*

# EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014 - 2020

EU Strategic Framework 2014 - 2020 focuses on:

- (i) **better implementation** of rules, especially by SMEs;
- (ii) **preventing** work-related diseases;
- (ii) addressing the **ageing** of the EU's workforce.

## **Advisory Committee on Health and Safety at Work**

*Tripartite body, composed of three full members per Member State, representing national governments, trade unions and employers' organisations, which assists the Commission in the preparation, implementation and evaluation of activities in the field of OSH, in particular by:*

- giving opinions on EU initiatives (e.g. draft proposals for new legislation, EU programmes/strategies, any other EU initiatives having impact on OSH policy);*
- contributing pro-actively to identifying OSH policy priorities;*
- encouraging the exchange of views and experiences between Member States and stakeholders, operating as in interface between EU and national level.*

## Senior Labour Inspectors Committee

*Composed by one representative of the labour inspection services of each EU Member State and the Commission (chair).*

*Has the mandate to give its opinion to the Commission, either at the Commission's request or on its own initiative, on all problems relating to the enforcement by the Member States of EU law on health and safety at work.*

*Promotes the effective and equivalent enforcement of national legislation transposing EU OSH Directives, inter alia by developing common principles of inspection, promoting a labour inspectors **exchange programme** between national administrations, etc.*

## **EU – OSHA**

### **Regulation (EU) 2019/126 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2062/94 [OJ L30, 31.01.2019, p. 58]**

*The EU-OSHA is a Union Agency and was established in 1994 to contribute to the improvement of the working environment, as regards the protection of the safety and health of workers, through action designed to increase and disseminate knowledge in that area.*

*It has played an important role in supporting the improvement of safety and health at work throughout the Union. At the same time, there have been developments in the area of occupational safety and health and technological developments.*

*Its Founding Regulation has therefore been amended several times. Since further amendments had to be made, it had to be repealed and replaced in the interest of clarity.*

*The rules governing EU-OSHA, to the extent possible take into account its tripartite nature. It has got an administrative and management structure, comprising of a Management Board, an Executive Board, an Executive Director and a Network.*

*Its seat is in Bilbao with a liaison office based in Brussels.*

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