

**Question for written answer E-009844/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Safety in the workplace

25 years ago, through Directive 89/391/EEC, Europe recognised corporate social responsibility and the right of workers to well-being as being fundamental. Because of this commitment, amongst other things, over the past decade Europe has seen a significant decline (about 30%) in the number of deaths in the workplace. However, this is not enough. Work, unfortunately, still kills: 3 million victims of accidents and 4000 deaths a year are figures that our consciences cannot tolerate.

The Commission has set itself the aim of acting more effectively to promote safety in the workplace. In its Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020 it identifies a number of priority objectives, including improved monitoring of the performance of national labour inspectorates and a greater coordination of statistics between the Member States.

What specific measures will the Commission take to increase safety at work in the EU, starting with the approximation of monitoring and surveillance rules?