

**Question for written answer E-007415/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Protection for outdoor workers

Recent studies show that outdoor workers run double the risk of developing non-melanoma skin cancer compared to the general population. Solar ultraviolet radiation is classified by the WHO as a Group 1 carcinogen. Only a few Member States recognise ultraviolet skin-cancer as an occupational disease, but the uptake of benefit entitlements has also been hampered by lack of awareness.

1. Does the Commission intend to extend the scope of EU-level health and safety standards on radiation exposure limits beyond artificial sources of radiation so as to include natural exposure?
2. Does the Commission intend to develop new policies and measures at European level in order to protect outdoor workers?
3. How does the Commission intend to raise awareness about the dangers of solar ultraviolet radiation?