Question for written answer E-009686/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Dominique Martin (ENF)

Subject: Active ageing policy framework

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) is carrying out research to develop measures with the aim of providing older workers with an appropriate level of health and safety. The increase in the statutory retirement age recently introduced by the majority of Member States is a first step, but in view of demographic trends in Europe, it is far too small a change. Improving working conditions remains a vital precondition for keeping older people in work. However, the majority of Member States do not have any policies to help to keep this category of workers in employment, and this often leads to early retirement.

- Does the Commission intend to impose a single model of reforms on all Member States using country-specific recommendations?
- Does the Commission plan to request an impact study on the health and safety of older workers, with different occupational sectors being studied separately?