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to the Commission
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Subject: Accidents at work and occupational diseases

Workplace fatalities, i.e. people who die while they are at work or on their way to work, are a scourge, involving numbers which, despite all the efforts made, are not being reduced: indeed, in Europe there are thousands of such cases, with major differences between Member States.

In addition to accidents, there is also concern about the huge spread of occupational diseases which develop over time and affect muscles, bones and the respiratory system, and stress-related diseases. In Italy, according to INAIL estimates, between 2018 and 2019 the number of cases of occupational diseases increased by 2.9 %, from 59 585 to 61 310.

Can the Commission therefore say:

1 what measures the EU intends to take, in terms of both prevention and cure, to try to reduce the number of accidents at work and of occupational and stress-related diseases;

2 whether it will ask Parliament’s research centre to obtain, from each Member State, a detailed report on the occupational diseases detected in that country and the types of accidents at work which occur, indicating the sector to which the worker belongs;

3 whether it will explore the possibility of carrying out information campaigns across the EU, with a view to introducing healthy lifestyles in workplaces, too.