Public Hearing

“Working Conditions of Firefighters”

Wednesday, 22 March 2023, 10:30-12:30
Brussels, Room: ANTALL (6Q2)

Chaired by: Dragoş PÎSLARU, EMPL Chair

DRAFT PROGRAMME

10:30 - 10:35 Welcome by Dragoş PÎSLARU, EMPL Chair

10:35 - 10:45 Introduction by:
- Raffaele COZZOLINO, Operative firefighter based in Naples (Italy)
- Christophe MARCHAL, Vice President of the French National Federation of Firefighters (France)

10:45 - 11:00 1st panel: Occupational risks of European firefighters in the context of climate change
- William COCKBURN, Interim Executive Director, European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA)
- Marc ELXNAT, Representative of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

11:00 - 11:30 Questions and Answers (in ping-pong format)

11:30 - 11:45 2nd panel: Risks of exposure to carcinogenic substances: what can the EU do to better protect firefighters
- Mikael SVANBERG, Representative of the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU)
- Prof. Anna STEC, Professor in Fire Chemistry and Toxicity at the University of Central Lancashire

11:45 - 12:15 Questions and Answers (in ping-pong format)

12:15 - 12:25 Wind-up by Dr Zinta PODNIECE, Deputy Head of Unit, EMPL C2 Health and Safety at Work, European Commission

12:25 - 12:30 Concluding remarks by Dragoş PÎSLARU, EMPL Chair