

**Question for written answer E-000223/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Commercial diving in the EU

It has been brought to my attention that dozens of commercial divers are killed in EU waters because of inadequate safety standards, particularly in relation to equipment, training and job risk assessments. The UK's Diving at Work Regulations 1997 have helped reduce the number of diving deaths in UK waters, but standards vary across Member States.

Does the Commission have any plans to improve safety standards across the EU and address the risks commercial divers face?