

**Question for written answer E-011359/2012
to the Commission**

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Subject: Follow-up to Parliament's resolution of 15 December 2011 on the mid-term review of the European strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work (2011/2147(INI))

According to the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work, 168 000 deaths per year in the EU are due to accidents and diseases linked to work. Seven million people are also injured in accidents. The agency evaluates the financial cost of illness and work-related accidents at an impressive 5.9% of European GDP.

On 15 December 2011, Parliament adopted, almost unanimously, a resolution on the mid-term review of the European strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work (2011/2147 (INI)).

This resolution includes several policy and legislative demands. In it, Parliament calls:

- on the Commission to propose European legislation protecting whistleblowers;
- on the Commission to submit a proposal to Parliament and the Council in 2012 for a ban on smoking in all workplaces, including indoor catering establishments, on all public transport and in all enclosed public buildings within the EU;
- on the Commission to propose a revision of Directive 2004/37 on carcinogens and mutagens by the end of 2012 in order to expand its scope to include reprotoxic substances;
- for legislative action to ensure that nanomaterials are covered by the current OSH legislation;
- on the Commission to make proposals to ensure that each Member State quickly implements the 2004 European Framework Agreement on work-related stress;
- for the future legislative proposal on musculoskeletal disorders to cover all workers.

Could the Commission report on the measures it has taken in 2012 to meet these demands? Can the Commission clarify to what extent it has met the commitments made in its 2012 Work Programme? Finally, given the widely acknowledged urgency of the matter, will the Commission issue a new European strategy on health and safety at work during the first quarter of 2013?