

**Question for written answer E-007857/2013
to the Council**

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Subject: Health and safety strategy 2013 - 2020

The last 'Community strategy 2007 - 2012 on health and safety at work' lapsed in 2012. The Commission has been promising a worker protection strategy for 2013 - 2020 for some time now. So far there is no sign of this strategy, despite the fact that the Irish Presidency of the European Union has announced a Community strategy. Now that Lithuania has taken over the Presidency of the European Union, it is important for us to know what priority the Lithuanian Presidency will give to developing a new health and safety strategy.

So far, there has been no clear answer regarding the nature of this strategy, or what its content and key points should be.

1. When will the strategy for 2013 – 2020 be presented and what priority will this strategy have under the Lithuanian Presidency? If no strategy is to be presented, could the Council please explain why and indicate what alternative strategy or campaign is to be pursued?
2. What will be the key points in relation to prevention and improving the structures of preventive measures? What is the position of the Lithuanian Presidency concerning prevention?
3. What measures in the strategy deal with demographic development and special protection for older workers (the motto here being: better working conditions for a longer working life)? What is the position of the Lithuanian Presidency concerning this topic, and are there plans for any related campaigns?
4. What measures are planned within the framework of the strategy for information and publicity at European and national level?