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**Subject:** Study on the most affected sectors and the factors contributing to workplaces in certain sectors becoming vectors in the spread of COVID-19

Evidence shows that, during the COVID-19 pandemic, certain economic sectors in the EU have become vectors in the spread of the virus. Major COVID-19 outbreaks, such as the one at the meat factory in North Rhine-Westphalia in Germany in June 2020, have had drastic socio-economic consequences and infected many workers. What is more, we then see the virus spreading to local communities, and authorities are forced to trigger lockdowns in nearby districts. Such situations must be avoided in the future. However, it is not yet clear which sectors are more likely to spread the virus among their workers.

Could the Commission launch a study – perhaps through the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control – on which sectors are most affected and which factors have contributed to workplaces in certain sectors becoming vectors in the spread of COVID-19?