

Question for written answer E-002708/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Regulation for commercial diving in the EU

Commercial divers have a high risk of fatal accidents at work. While no formal data has been collected, estimates show that more than 900 work-related deaths have occurred in the industry since 2000. Given the increased demand for commercial divers in the EU as a result of ambitious offshore energy projects, the number of work-related deaths in this sector could increase significantly.

In 2021, the Commission presented the Vision Zero strategy with a target of zero work-related deaths by 2050. It received strong support from Parliament in its resolution of 10 March 2022¹, which called for urgent action to reduce work-related deaths.

1. Can the Commission advise whether Vision Zero also covers commercial divers in the EU?
2. Does it intend to present a directive on harmonised health and safety standards for commercial divers in the EU to prevent work-related deaths, in line with Vision Zero?
3. Does it plan to present guidelines regarding vocational training and certificates for commercial diving in the EU?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2022-0068_EN.html