

**Question for written answer E-002641/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Follow-up question: E-000923/2022 (E-000923/2022(ASW)): Protection against hearing damage at work - review of Directive 2003/10/EC

According to the World Health Organisation, 196 million Europeans have suffered a degree of hearing loss, a number that is expected to rise to 236 million by 2050.

In the Commission's answer of 12 April 2022, reference is made to an assessment, to take place within 36 months of the end of the reporting exercise ending in 2022, of Directive 2003/10/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 February 2003 on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (noise) (Seventeenth individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC).

1. When is the Commission planning to carry out that assessment?
2. To what extent will the social partners be involved in the assessment?

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