

**Question for written answer E-000490/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: The occupational safety of law enforcement officers in the EU

On 9 February 2024, two Guardia Civil officers died and two others were injured after their boat was rammed by drug traffickers in a deadly attack in the port of Barbate (Cádiz). The killed Guardia Civil officers were travelling in a small inflatable vessel, which was rammed by the drug traffickers' 14-metre speedboat.

Organised crime groups pose an increasingly direct threat to authorities and there is evidence that these criminal networks are also becoming more violent.

According to the Unified Association of Civil Guards (AUGC), more than 40 % of civil guards' absences result from physical assault. Attacks are becoming more frequent in areas affected by drug trafficking, such as the provinces of Cádiz and Málaga, or in border regions such as Ceuta and Melilla.

1. What studies and initiatives does the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) – whose aim is to increase knowledge, raise awareness and exchange information and good practices – have on the occupational safety of law enforcement officers?
2. Has EU-OSHA detected an increase in attacks on law enforcement officers also in other Member States?
3. Has EU-OSHA considered issuing recommendations for countries with the most alarming figures?

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