

## **EU-OSHA - European Survey of Enterprises on New and Emerging Risks (ESENER): FIRST RESULTS**

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EU-OSHA's Europe-wide establishment survey asked the responsible actors (managers and workers' health and safety representatives) about how health and safety risks are managed at their workplace, with a particular focus on psychosocial risks, e.g. work-related stress, violence and harassment.

The survey aims to assist workplaces across Europe to deal more effectively with health and safety and to promote the health and well-being of employees. Towards this end, it provides policy makers with cross-nationally comparable information relevant for the design and implementation of new policies in this field.

36,000 interviews were carried out in establishments with ten or more workers from all sectors (except fishing and forestry). The survey, which covered 31 countries,<sup>1</sup> represents one of EU-OSHA's most important initiatives to date and is expected to provide valuable information for use over several years.

In putting questions directly to managers and workers about the way occupational safety and health (OSH) is managed, ESENER (European Survey of Enterprises on New and Emerging Risks) aims to identify important success factors and to highlight the principal obstacles to effective prevention. The survey investigates what enterprises do in practice to manage health and safety; what their main reasons are for taking action; and what support they need. As well as looking at the management of OSH in general, the approach taken by enterprises to the management of psychosocial risks is also examined. Emerging risks of this type present enterprises with a significant challenge and require efficient measures on the part of policy makers. With a separate interview directed at health and safety representatives, the results should also highlight the importance of worker involvement as a factor in the successful implementation of preventive measures at the workplace level.

The results of the survey should improve the effectiveness of preventive actions by helping to ensure that they are comprehensive, targeted, and focused on the key issues.

Researchers will have free access to the data, which should lead to better analyses of approaches to prevention, attitudes to safety and health, and the involvement of workers.

Further information at [www.esener.eu](http://www.esener.eu)

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<sup>1</sup> 27 EU Member States plus Croatia, Turkey, Norway and Switzerland