

Information for respondents

Your workplace has been selected to take part in an international study on health and safety at work and how it is managed in practice. The study is being carried out simultaneously in 33 countries across Europe and will help to find out to what extent people in different countries who have a responsibility for safety and health at work share the same views and practices.

The questionnaire covers a range of topics and no specialist knowledge is needed to answer any questions. Most people taking part in the study find it an interesting and enjoyable experience, and we hope that this is also the case for you. Interviews normally last around 20 to 25 minutes and we certainly hope we can rely on your co-operation.

About EU-OSHA

The European Agency for Safety and Health at Work was set up in 1996 as the official European body responsible for information on occupational safety and health.

[Read more about the Agency](#)

About the survey

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.

The interviewer asks about the arrangements in place for managing safety and health; which are considered to be the most important issues and whether issues such as stress are amongst them. The questionnaire then investigates how health and safety management is organised, what support or advice is available and whether there are any significant problems.

Policy makers at national and European level will use the information to develop better policies and more effective support for enterprises so as to make workplaces safer, healthier and more productive.

By taking part in the survey, you provide valuable information about your situation, needs and expectations that will contribute to improving the conditions in workplaces across all of Europe and beyond.

Confidentiality

All information is treated as strictly confidential and results will be presented in aggregated form so that anonymity of respondents is ensured.

Kantar – the company responsible for carrying out the survey – is a member of [ESOMAR](#) and is bound by its International Code on Market and Social Research. EU-OSHA is governed by [Regulation \(EU\) 2018/1725](#) on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the Community institutions and bodies.

If you have any concerns about the confidentiality of your answers or how anonymity is guaranteed in practice, then please contact us at esener@osha.europa.eu.

Who is carrying out the interviews?

The national institutes that are carrying out the interviews are all associated to the Kantar Network of fieldwork institutes. The interviewers are all highly trained and well experienced in carrying out surveys of this type.

[View a list of the national centres](#)

Access to results

Results from the previous study (ESENER-2) are available at our website www.esener.eu. There, you will also be able to view the first results of the new study at the beginning of 2020. A detailed report will be published by mid-2020 and follow up studies will be produced in subsequent years. All of EU-OSHA's reports are available for download free of charge.

[View EU-OSHA's publications](#)

Backing for the survey

EU-OSHA's Governing Board is made up of representatives from governments, employers and trades unions and, as well as giving the go-ahead to the survey, they have been closely involved in its development.

At European level, the survey is backed by:



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Choice of interviewee

Your workplace has been randomly selected from a business register to ensure that we get a representative picture in each country.

For the purposes of our study, it is important that the person interviewed knows about the way in which health and safety issues are addressed at their workplace. You do not need to be an expert in health and safety, but should ideally be involved in the decisions about the measures taken in this area.

Who is paying for the survey?

EU-OSHA is funding the survey as regards the 28 Member States of the EU out of its operational budget plus Iceland and Norway as members of the EEA (European Economic Area); Switzerland is covering all costs of its participation; The Republic of Macedonia and Serbia are included using funds from the EU's Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

Further information

More detailed information about the survey is available (only in English) at www.esener.eu

Getting involved

As part of its other information activities, EU-OSHA is on the lookout for case studies at workplace level to highlight successful or innovative approaches or solutions to occupational safety and health risks. If you have carried out an interesting action and would like to share it through EU-OSHA, please contact us at esener@osha.europa.eu

Feedback

Please give us your comments and suggestions.