



Hearing on “A new EU strategic framework on health and safety at work post 2027”

Tuesday, 2 June 2026, 14:30-16:00

Room: xx

Chaired by: Li ANDERSSON, EMPL Chair

DRAFT PROGRAMME

14:30 - 14:33 Opening remarks by Li ANDERSSON, EMPL Chair

14:33 – 15:15 **EU strategic framework on health and safety at work 2020 - 2027:**
stock-taking and lessons learnt (what has been achieved in view of
demanding work environments / implementation of ‘vision zero’ approach to
work-related accidents and diseases (esp. work-related cancer) /
psychosocial risks);

– *Representative ETUC*

– *Representative BusinessEurope*

A new EU strategic framework post 2027: how to best shape the future
OSH in the new world of work and how to address impact of changing labour
market on occupational health and safety (necessary updates and
improvements to the new strategic framework in line with the evolution of
labour markets and in the context of the twin digital and green transitions /
prevention, awareness raising, well-being activities and the promotion of
health and safety culture at work) / monitoring, implementation and
enforcement / cooperation with social partners / regulatory needs

– *Commission representative on planned new EU strategic
framework as stands*

– **William COCKBURN**, Executive Director EU-OSHA

– **Dr. Marily MEXI**, Advisor on Employment Policies and Social
Dialogue at the International Labour Organization (ILO), Professor of
Graduate Studies at the Graduate Institute in Geneva and Visiting
Researcher at Cornell University, USA (tbc)

– **Tony MUSU**, researcher, *ETUI – Health and Safety Department*
(tbc)

15:15 - 15:57 Questions and Answers

15:57 - 16:00 Closing remarks by Li ANDERSSON, EMPL Chair

BACKGROUND

Hearing on 'A new EU strategic framework on health and safety at work post-2027'

Health and safety measures at the workplace fall under EMPL competences under Annex VI to the Rules of Procedure.

With regard to the current EU strategic framework on health and safety at work 2020 - 2027, the European Parliament adopted on 10 March 2022 a resolution and, over the years, regularly called on the Commission to raise further the bar in respect of the EU strategic framework and the need to update it in the lights of the latest technological developments, emerging occupational risks, changes in work patterns, and lessons learned from health crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EMPL Committee repeatedly stressed the need for implementation of the vision zero' approach to work-related accidents and diseases and invited the Commission to raise its level of ambition and increase its focus on prevention strategies in order to strive for the highest level of health and safety protection at work possible.

In its Quality Jobs Roadmap, the Commission announced that by mid-2026, it will report on the implementation of the OSH Framework Directive as well as related directives, like the review of the Workplace and the Display Screen Equipment Directives to update OSH protections in modern workplaces – including telework – and digital tools, and, in particular, to better address psychosocial and ergonomic risks, and to consider the risks affecting workers with disabilities. The Commission has also announced an accompanying Quality Jobs Act.

The current EU framework on health and safety at work will end in 2027, therefore Parliament will need to take stock of its implementation and start preparing for the establishment of a new strategic framework post-2027. The EMPL Committee will closely follow the revision of the strategic framework post-2027 and the announced legislative proposals. The planned hearing will be an important stock-taking exercise in this process and shall bring together experts, relevant stakeholders and social partners, to analyse the impact of the current strategic framework, to identify challenges and discuss necessary updates and improvements to the new strategic framework in line with the evolution of labour markets and in the context of the twin digital and green transitions.