



# Discussion results: Specific sectors and groups

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**The project focused on specific occupations (health care, agriculture and waste treatment)**

**From your national experience, are the sectors mentioned during the presentation the most relevant?**

**Are they the most related to emerging risks?**

**Unintentional exposure**

- **Divide healthcare into three subsectors: homecare, clinicians, GPs**
- **Childcare**

**Emerging**

- **More temporary workers, new workers. So not emerging, but more prominent risks**
- **Caring for old people is also increasing**



# Are there any other sectors missing? Which ones should we focus on and why?

- Travelling occupations
- Migrants
- Refugees / homeless people
- Library workers
- Maintenance workers / repair workers
- Truck drivers
- Prison workers / guards

# What vulnerable groups were not mentioned during the presentation but are important to focus on? Why?

- Immunosuppressed
- People working with migrant
- Pregnant women
- Young people: education
- Old people
- Temporary workers
- Ambulance workers

# Are there any other issues related to SMEs in these sectors that were not mentioned?

- **Problem in all countries: some subsidiaries pay money for the enterprises**
- **Difficulty in reaching target group**

**Is there a need to improve cooperation between countries?**

**If yes, how to improve?**

**Could anything be done at EU/international level?**

- **Need for expert groups: sharing information, discussion**
- **Personal contact has decreased (example: waste treatment sector '80, lot of communication)**

**Is there a need or benefit to cooperate with other policy areas, e.g. public health?**  
**What would be the actions?**

# Who are the actors in this topical area and what could be their role?



Lack of time, not discussed