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**Health & Safety at Work**

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| **Information Memo**  **(new referral)** |

**Subject:** *Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - EU strategic framework on health and safety at work 2021-2027 - Occupational safety and health in a changing world of work*

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# **Procedure**

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| **Council referral** | 11/06/2021 | |
| **Legal basis** | Article 304 of the TFEU | |
| **Committee Bureau decision** | 08/06/2021 | |
| **Section responsible** | Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship | |
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| **Organisation of section work** | 11/06/2021 (written procedure) | |
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# **Gist of the Commission document**

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how crucial occupational health and safety (OSH) is for protecting workers' health, for the functioning of our society, and for the continuity of critical economic and social activities. In this context, the Commission renewed its commitment to update occupational safety and health rules by adopting the EU strategic framework on health and safety at work 2021-2027. It sets out the key actions needed to improve workers' health and safety over the coming years.

This new strategy focuses on three cross-cutting objectives, namely managing change brought by green, digital and demographic transitions as well as changes to the traditional work environment, improving prevention of accidents and illnesses, and increasing preparedness for any potential future crises.

# **Draft timetable**

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| **DATE** | **MEETING** | **DOCUMENT** |
| 17/09/2021 | 1st study group | Commission document  Preliminary draft opinion |
| 06/10/2021 | Section | Draft opinion |
| 20-21/10/2021 | Plenary session | Section opinion |

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