

**Question for written answer E-002738/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Protecting workers from extreme heat in Europe

Climate change is a reality that endangers the health and lives of workers in Europe. Accidents at work increase by up to 17 % during heatwaves, and heat stress is becoming a danger that can exacerbate previous illnesses and cause sudden deaths.

When it comes to heat-related deaths in the workplace, Europe is currently witnessing the fastest rate of growth globally: 42 % since 2000, according to the ILO. That is the highest rate in the world.

It is not enough to rely on companies' desire to protect workers from the heat. We need decisive action by the EU institutions, including a directive that guarantees safe working conditions during heatwaves. For this, however, we need high-quality and complete data.

In view of this:

1. What data are currently collected at EU level on heat-related accidents and illnesses in the workplace?
2. Does the Commission consider that the current data collection systems are sufficient to inform policy and legislative responses?
3. What steps will the Commission take to improve the availability and quality of these data at national and European level?

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