

Question for written answer E-004111/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Protecting workers from attacks and violence in the exercise of their duties

The protection of the health, safety and dignity of workers is a fundamental principle of the Union acquis. Article 153 TFEU establishes the Union competence for health and safety at work, while Articles 5 and 6 of Directive 89/391/EEC set out the employer's responsibility for safety and the prevention and assessment of occupational risks. Article 31 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights enshrines safe and healthy working conditions, while Principle 10 of the European Pillar of Social Rights reaffirms the right to a high level of protection. The EU strategic framework 2021-2027 and the 2025 guidelines of the European social partners, supported by EU-OSHA, address third-party violence.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What information does it have on the extent of attacks and incidents of violence against workers in the Member States – and in Greece specifically – and what measures are being taken to prevent and respond to them?
2. To what extent is the implementation of Articles 5 and 6 of Directive 89/391/EEC ensured with regard to the prevention and assessment of risks arising from attacks or violent behaviours towards workers?
3. Does it intend to strengthen the implementation of the 2025 guidelines and promote a common European framework for recording, preventing and protecting workers from incidents of violence in the exercise of their duties?

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