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**Question for written answer E-001860/25**  
**to the Commission**  
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(8 May 2025)

*Subject:* Information with a view to the effective and swift pursuit of the objectives set in Directive (EU) 2023/2668 on asbestos

According to Italy's Ministry of Health, National Institute of Health and National Registry of Mesothelioma, more than 7 000 people died in Italy from asbestos-related diseases in 2024, and an estimated 60 000 people since 2015.

In the EU as a whole, asbestos is the leading cause of fatal work-related diseases. Directive (EU) 2023/2668 gives Member States urgent instructions to be applied by the end of 2025, including in the new Member States, which appear to be a long way from implementing them and slow to establish comprehensive programmes for the clean-up and disposal of this deadly pollutant.

In view of the above:

1. With a view to the adoption of a better and effective comprehensive strategy for the application of Directive (EU) 2023/2668, does the Commission intend to involve external stakeholders with proven experience in this area, such as national industry associations and asbestos outlets, which, in countries such as Italy, provide a format for risk management and disposal, so that we can build faster pathways and clean up all the asbestos in Europe for good?
2. Is it pushing for or planning to push for action and funding, for the health sector and for public and private entities, intended to foster a structured pathway that covers everything from information to training and environmental action, such as area mapping and cleaning up?

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**Answer given by Executive Vice-President Minzatu on behalf of the European Commission**  
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As requested by Directive (EU) 2023/2668 <sup>(1)</sup>, the Commission will make available, by the end of 2025, guidelines to facilitate the implementation of the revised Asbestos at Work Directive.

The Commission services, when preparing the guidelines, involve a large number of relevant stakeholders including employers, workers and national authorities' representatives, European industry associations and asbestos experts, by means of workshops, consultation rounds, on-site-pilots and case studies. For example, nearly 900 stakeholders have participated in ten workshops exchanging on different aspects of asbestos management.

The guidelines aim to cover specific topics such as risk assessment and safe removal of asbestos, as well as existing good practice examples in the different Member States.

The guidelines would present a holistic approach addressing different target groups including public and private entities and cover all relevant topics such as risk assessment, training, cleaning up and waste disposal along the asbestos lifecycle.

The Committee of Senior Labour Inspectors will carry out from 2026 until 2027 an EU-wide awareness and inspection campaign on asbestos at work.

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<sup>(1)</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02009L0148-20231220>.