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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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The 2024 European Survey of Enterprises on New and Emerging Risks¹ of the European Agency on Safety and Health at Work provides data on psychosocial risks at work by sector and country. In Greece, 85% of respondents in the education sector reported having to deal with difficult customers, patients, pupils – one of the highest rates in the EU. Eurostat collects annual data on reported non-fatal and fatal accidents at work across all economic sectors. In the education sector in Greece, no fatal² accidents were reported for 2014-2023. The number of non-fatal cases³ rose from 42 in 2021 to 54 in 2023.

The Commission is working with stakeholders to find solutions for this complex topic. The Framework Directive on Safety and Health at Work⁴ covers all occupational risks and lays down the main principles of prevention and protection against them. This Directive applies to all sectors of activity, including education, and it is up to Member States to properly and effectively transpose it.

As part of the envisaged Quality Jobs Act, the Commission is carrying out a review of the Workplace Directive⁵ and Display Screen Directive⁶. EU action, applicable also to education, would strive to reconcile the need to improve worker protection in light of the digital transition, while avoiding unnecessary burden on companies and simplifying the legislation. Issues to be addressed would include better addressing the psychosocial risks, among others.

In the field of education, the Commission supports teacher safety by promoting safe, inclusive school environments and whole-school measures to prevent school violence, bullying and harassment⁷. The envisaged EU Teachers and Trainers Agenda announced in the Union of Skills would also cover teachers' working conditions.

¹ https://visualisation.osha.europa.eu/esener/en/survey/detailpage-european-map/2019/emerging-risks-and-their-management/en_1/E3Q201_4/activity-sector/19/11/1.

² Fatal Accidents at work by NACE Rev. 2 activity, online data code
<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/bookmark/ae80d3c9-fff9-432b-a6a0-31df1822f1dc?lang=en&createdAt=2026-06-10T12:44:41Z>.

³ Non-fatal accidents at work by NACE Rev. 2 activity and sex, online data code
<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/bookmark/68c3d477-286d-49f9-a13d-b994860c6c6d?lang=en&createdAt=2026-06-10T12:35:26Z>.

⁴ Council Directive 89/391/EEC of 12 June 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work (OJ L 183, 29.6.1989, p. 1) - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=celex%3A31989L0391>.

⁵ Council Directive 89/654/EEC of 30 November 1989 concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for the workplace (OJ L 393, 30.12.1989, p. 1) <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX%3A31989L0654>.

⁶ Council Directive 90/270/EEC of 29 May 1990 on the minimum safety and health requirements for work with display screen equipment (OJ L 156, 21.6.1990, pp. 14–18) <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A01990L0270-20190726>.

⁷ <https://school-education.ec.europa.eu/en/discover/news/guidelines-wellbeing-and-mental-health-school>.