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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Minzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission (Eurostat) collects data on reported non-fatal and fatal accidents at work. In the education sector in Greece, no fatal¹ accidents were reported for 2014-2023, while the number of non-fatal cases² rose from 42 in 2021 to 54 in 2023.

According to the 2024 European Survey of Enterprises on New and Emerging Risks (ESENER) survey³, 85% of respondents in the education sector in Greece reported having to deal with difficult customers, patients or pupils.

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 applies to all sectors of activity, including education, and it is up to Member States to properly and effectively transpose it. The Commission regularly undertakes a review to assess the practical implementation at the national level of this and 23 related EU directives. The results of the latest review, covering the period 2018 to 2022, are expected to be published later in 2026.

As part of the envisaged Quality Jobs Act, the Commission is carrying out a review of the Workplace Directive⁵ and Display Screen Directive⁶. Possible EU action 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, including in 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 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>.

² 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>

³ European Agency on Safety and Health at Work ,

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.

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:31989L0654>.

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>.