

Question for written answer E-015145/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Labour standards

The EU Member States are required to have in place high and uniform standards of health and safety for workers. The EU institutions safeguard these standards on the basis of a range of Directives – the Directive on the protection of workers from risks related to exposure to biological agents, the Maternity Leave Directive and the Directive concerning the minimum safety and health requirements for the use of work equipment, for example, as well as various directives concerning specific groups of workers (such as young people and pregnant women) or exposure to dangerous substances.

Another important aspect of workers' health and safety is provision for relaxation and exercise. Suitable conditions for both work and relaxation are a prerequisite for high levels of productivity in EU companies and for the fitness of the European citizens who work in them.

1. Does the Commission intend to propose and apply a set of good practices for medium-sized and large companies with regard to the introduction of staff relaxation and exercise areas as a means of boosting motivation, improving the atmosphere in the workplace and promoting interaction between different teams of workers?
2. Is the Commission planning to update worker health and safety legislation with a view to including provisions on relaxation and exercise?