





OSH BAROMETER Switzerland Country Report





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Introduction General information

The development and provision of the OSH BAROMETER — Status of Occupational Safety and Health in Europe is a long-term activity of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion) and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA). It aims to provide up-to-date online information for all interested parties and stakeholders about the status of OSH in the European Union.

The overall objective of this activity is to design and develop a reliable and stable information system on OSH in Europe, based on data from the relevant national and European data providers. From 2016 to 2018, two contractors of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (Kooperationsstelle Hamburg IFE and Eurogip) developed the structure of the system, collected data for a selected number of indicators and assessed their reliability.

EU-OSHA will contribute to the establishment and maintenance of the **OSH BAROMETER** by designing and running the data visualisation tool, ensuring data quality in cooperation with key data providers and stakeholders, and feeding in the quantitative and qualitative data in close collaboration with EU institutions and Member State Contact Points. As part of its activity **'EU OSH INFO System'**, EU-OSHA will publish an analytical report, based on the collected data, every 3 years.

The **OSH BAROMETER** uses the following data sources:

- · Eurostat: data on economy, sectors, population, and employment
- Eurostat: Labour Force Survey (LFS), particularly the ad hoc module from 2013: 'Accidents at work and other work-related health problems'
- Eurostat: European Union Survey on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC)
- Eurofound: European Working Conditions Survey (EWCS)
- EU-OSHA: European Survey of Enterprises' New and Emerging Risks (ESENER) 2014
- European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion: several reports and studies
- Senior Labour Inspectors Committee (SLIC): non-confidential country evaluations
- National contact points in Member States: national data and descriptions
- EU-OSHA focal points/EU-OSHA: descriptions of the national OSH Systems in OSHwiki
- comprehensive reports from national or European sources

This methodology contains a compilation of all references and data sources that were used to provide texts, diagrams and tables, and in some cases additional explanations.

In most cases we provide the following data:

- · the indicator and diagram/table/description title
- · a short description of the data evaluation and visualisation approach
- · exact source with name and link
- the period of reference (year/period) and the last update
- · the coverage of Member States and other countries
- · filter options or selection criteria of the source
- · the measuring unit
- · any calculation that EU-OSHA performed based on the original data
- · visualisation basics
- · other useful explanations and additional comments





Generic information OSH authorities

This indicator is an overview of OSH authorities and relevant OSH institutions in the different Member States and at EU level.

For further information refer to Methodology

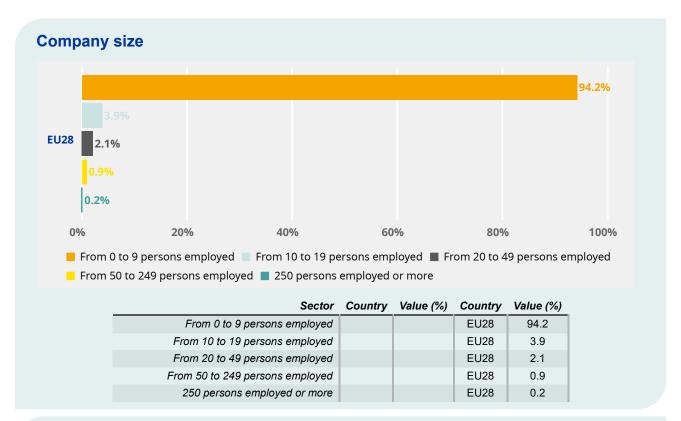


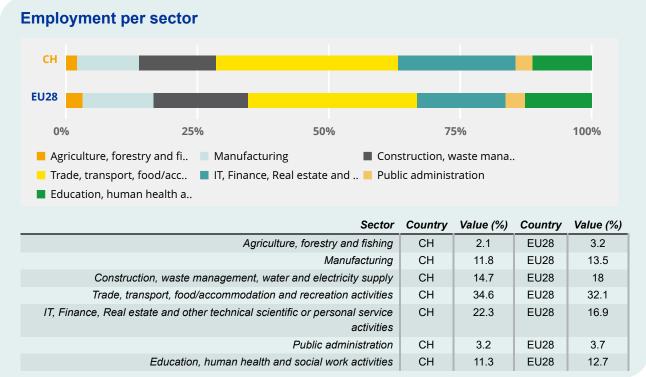


Generic information Economic and sector profile

The indicator 'Economic and sector profile' displays relevant data on the economy and sectoral structure of the EU and its Member States, e.g. percentages of company size, employment per sector and information on gross domestic product. Note: Not all data is available for every country.

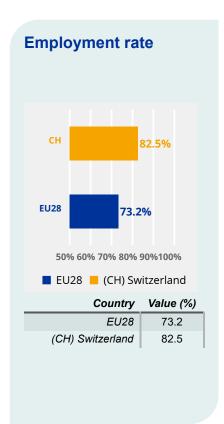
Source: EUROSTAT. For further information refer to Methodology

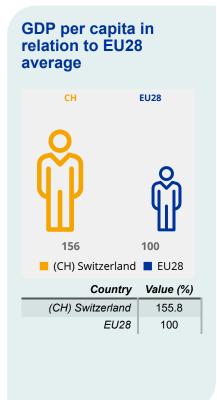


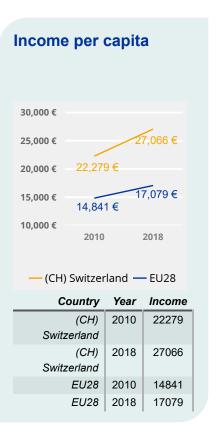












Generic information Workforce profile

This indicator includes a few key data on ageing workers and the workforce: median age, employment rate of different age groups, total and sex.

Source: EUROSTAT. For further information refer to Methodology

	Median age of population:	Employment rate (55 - 64):	Employment rate (female):	Employment rate (male):	Employment rate (total):	Unemployment rate:
EU28	43.3 years	58.7 %	67.4 %	79 %	73.2 %	6.8 %
+	Median age of population:	Employment rate (55 - 64):	Employment rate (female):	Employment rate (male):	Employment rate (total):	Unemployment rate:
СН	42.5 years	72.6 %	60.1 %	70.3 %	65.2 %	- %





Steering of OSH National strategies

National strategies are well known as a policy instrument to enhance the effectiveness of an OSH system through the collaborative and smart use of resources. They include approaches such as priority setting, prior action defining and action plans. You will find here a short harmonised description of current national strategies based on the full mapping report of EU-OSHA on national strategies (December 2017) plus later updates as received from Member States.

For further information refer to Methodology



Structure of each National strategy

Basic information

No information available

Background

No information available

Characteristics and objectives

No information available

Details and activity

No information available

Actors and stakeholders

No information available

Resources and timeframe

No information available

Evaluation

No information available

Relation to EU Strategic Framework

No information available

Response of national strategies to EU challenges

No information available





Steering of OSH Social dialogue

This indicator consists of text-based descriptions of the social dialogue plus quantitative data, e.g. responses to ESENER 2019 questions. Note: When no data is available for the indicator displayed, '-' will appear.

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25%

Joint consultative, employment forum or similar

34%

Health and safety representative

13%

Trade union representation

19%

Health and safety committee



EU27_2020

24%

Joint consultative, employment forum or similar

57%

Health and safety representative

19%

Trade union representation

23 %

Health and safety committee

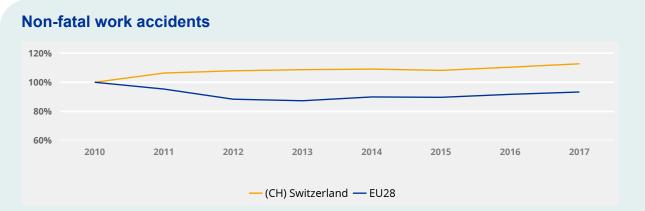




OSH outcomes and working conditions Work accidents

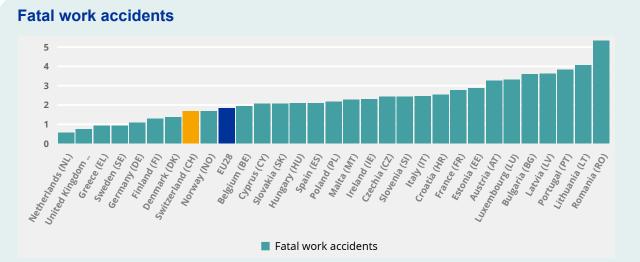
This indicator consists of two data sets: trends in non-fatal work accidents from 2010, and fatal work accidents (Eurostat data).

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The diagram shows the development of non-fatal work accidents between 2010 until the latest available year. The year 2010 has been set as baseline (2010 = 100). The country lines and the EU line (dark blue) show the trend as percentage of the value of this base year.

Country	Year	Value (%)	Country	Year	Value (%)
(CH) Switzerland	2010	100	EU28	2010	100
(CH) Switzerland	2011	106.3	EU28	2011	95.3
(CH) Switzerland	2012	107.9	EU28	2012	88.4
(CH) Switzerland	2013	108.6	EU28	2013	87.3
(CH) Switzerland	2014	109	EU28	2014	89.9
(CH) Switzerland	2015	108.2	EU28	2015	89.7
(CH) Switzerland	2016	110.3	EU28	2016	91.7
(CH) Switzerland	2017	112.7	EU28	2017	93.3



This diagram shows the number of fatal accidents for every Member State per 100,000 employees. The EU average was 1,85 accidents per 100,000 employees in the period 2010-2017. The source of the data is the incidence rate as published by Eurostat.

Country	Value (accidents)
Switzerland (CH)	1.7
EU28	1.9





OSH outcomes and working conditions Health perception of the workers

This indicator contains six data sets based on responses in the European Working Conditions Survey (EWCS) 2015 from Eurofound and the Labour Force Survey 2013 from Eurostat. Every 8 years this survey has an ad hoc module on OSH-related questions. All data are from the latest OSH ad hoc module. Note: When no data is available for the indicator displayed, '-' will appear.

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86%

Satisfaction with working conditions

8 %

Health problem in the last 12 months

42 %

Sick but at work

25%

Health affected by work

8%

More than 15 days of absence

73%

Likelihood of staying in current job until 60 years old



89%

Satisfaction with working conditions

11 %

Health problem in the last 12 months

26%

Sick but at work

15%

Health affected by work

8%

More than 15 days of absence

76%

Likelihood of staying in current job until 60 years old

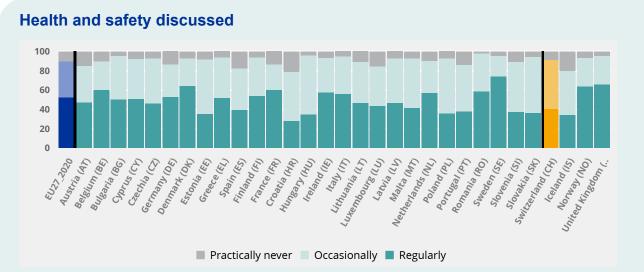




OSH outcomes and working conditions OSH culture and health awareness

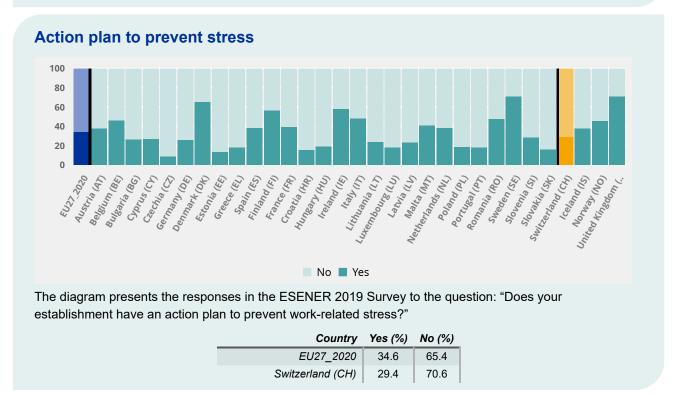
This indicator provides data on typical aspects of OSH culture and health awareness such as sickness absence analysis, existence of prevention plans, or the implementation of measures for better safety and health. Note: Percentages might not total 100% because of rounding.

Sources: ESENER 2019 Survey and European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS). For further information refer to Methodology



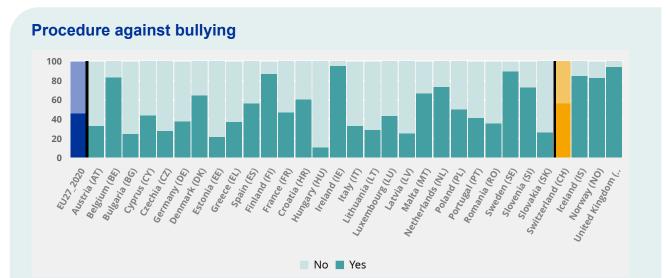
The diagram presents the responses in the ESENER 2019 Survey to the question: "How often is health and safety discussed between employee representatives and the management? Do such discussions take place regularly, only when particular health and safety issues arise or not at all?"

Country	Practically never (%)	Occasionally (%)	Regularly (%)
EU27_2020	10	37.5	52.4
Switzerland (CH)	8.5	51	40.5



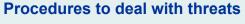


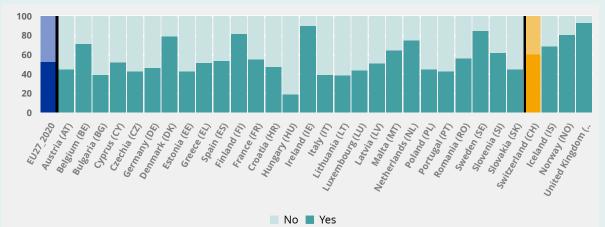




The diagram presents the responses in the ESENER 2019 Survey to the question: "Is there a procedure in place to deal with possible cases of bullying or harassment?"

Country	Yes (%)	No (%)
EU27_2020	46.3	53.7
Switzerland (CH)	56.4	43.6





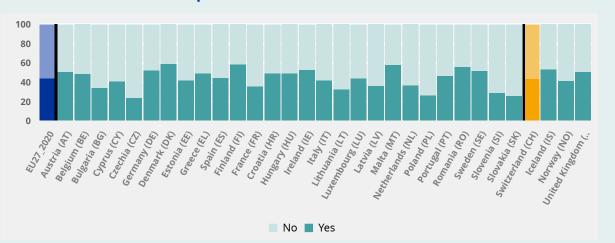
The diagram presents the responses in the ESENER 2019 Survey to the question: "Is there a procedure to deal with possible cases of threats, abuse or assaults by clients, patients pupils or members in public?"

Country	Yes (%)	No (%)
EU27_2020	52.6	47.4
Switzerland (CH)	60.2	39.8





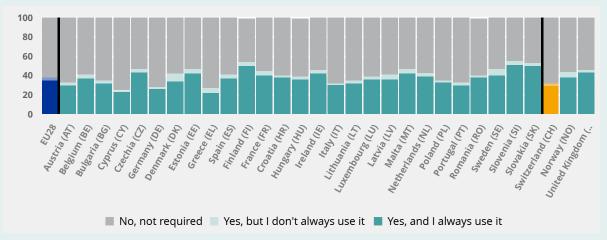
Measures to reduce work pressure



The diagram is based on the ESENER 2019 Survey. It presents one of the possible responses to the question: "In the last 3 years, has your establishment used any of the following measures to prevent psychosocial risks?" The diagram shows the response to the following answer option: "Reorganisation of work in order to reduce job demands and work pressure"

Country	Yes (%)	No (%)
EU27_2020	44.1	55.9
Switzerland (CH)	43.6	56.4

Use of personal protective equipment

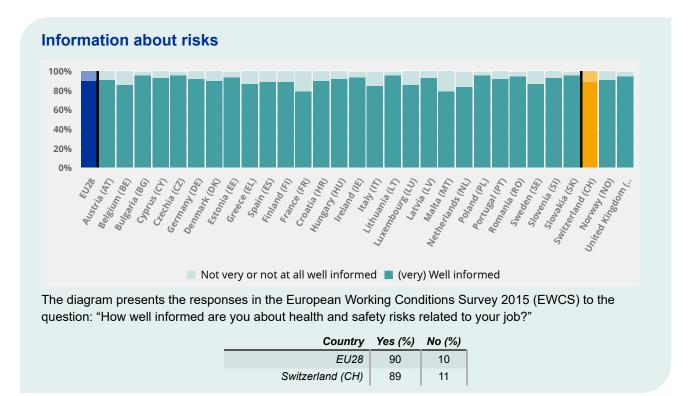


The diagram presents the responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) to the question: "Does your job ever require that you wear personal protective equipment and do you use it?"

Country	No, not required (%)	Yes, but not required (%)	Yes and always (%)	
EU28	62	3	35	
Switzerland (CH)	69	3	29	











OSH outcomes and working conditions Working conditions

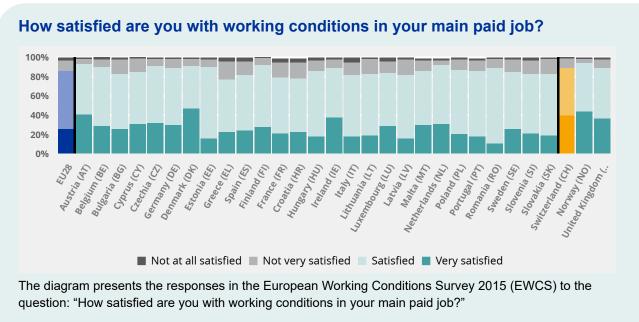
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Overall opinion

This topic displays data on the workers' overall general assessment of risks and their overall satisfaction with working conditions. Note: Percentages might not total 100% because of rounding.

Source: European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS). For further information refer to Methodology

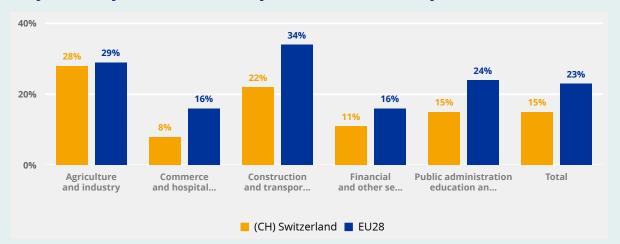


Country	Not at all satisfied (%)	Not very satisfied (%)	Satisfied (%)	Very satisfied (%)	
EU28	3	11	60	26	
Switzerland (CH)	2	10	49	40	





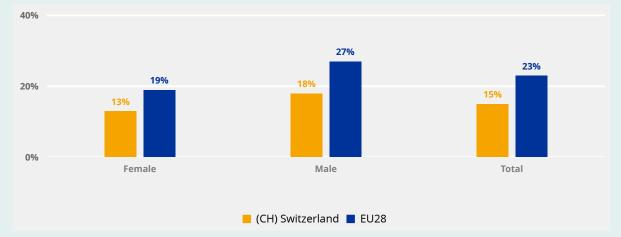
Do you think your health or safety is at risk because of your work? - Sector



The diagram presents the 'yes' responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) - by Member State and sector - to the question : "Do you think your health or safety is at risk because of your work?"

Sector	Country	Value (%)	Country	Value (%)
Agriculture and industry	(CH) Switzerland	28	EU28	29
Commerce and hospitality	(CH) Switzerland	8	EU28	16
Construction and transport	(CH) Switzerland	22	EU28	34
Financial and other services	(CH) Switzerland	11	EU28	16
Public administration education and health	(CH) Switzerland	15	EU28	24
Total	(CH) Switzerland	15	EU28	23

Do you think your health or safety is at risk because of your work? - Gender



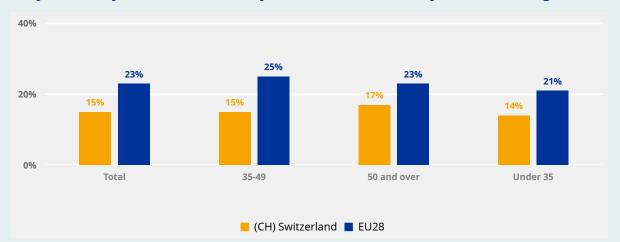
The diagram presents the 'yes' responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) - by Member State and gender- to the question: "Do you think your health or safety is at risk because of your work?"

Gender	Country	value (%)	Country	value (%)
Female	(CH) Switzerland	13	EU28	19
Male	(CH) Switzerland	18	EU28	27
Total	(CH) Switzerland	15	EU28	23





Do you think your health or safety is at risk because of your work? - Age



The diagram presents the 'yes' responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) - by Member State and age - to the question : "Do you think your health or safety is at risk because of your work?"

Age	Country	Value (%)	Country	Value (%)
Total	(CH) Switzerland	15	EU28	23
35-49	(CH) Switzerland	15	EU28	25
50 and over	(CH) Switzerland	17	EU28	23
Under 35	(CH) Switzerland	14	EU28	21

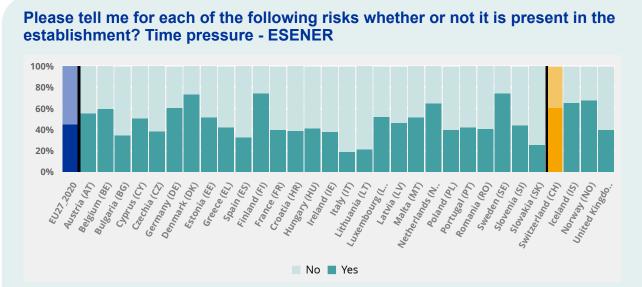




Mental risk

This topic displays data from surveys on certain important aspects of mental risks such as time pressure, poor communication or cooperation, employees' lack of influence, job insecurity, difficult customers or clients, long or irregular working hours and discrimination. Note: Percentages might not total 100% because of rounding.

Sources: ESENER 2019 Survey and European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS). For further information refer to Methodology



The diagram is based on the ESENER 2019 Survey. It presents one of the possible responses to the question: "Please tell me for each of the following risks whether or not it is present in the establishment?" The diagram shows the response to the following answer option: "Time pressure".

Country	Yes (%)	No (%)
EU27_2020	45.1	54.9
Switzerland (CH)	60.8	39.2

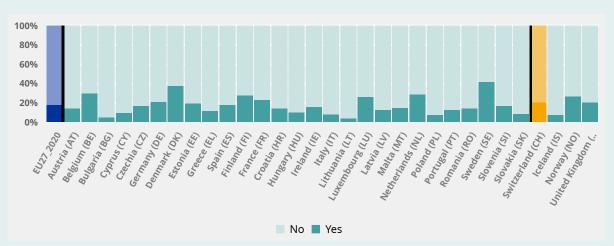
Does your job involve working to tight deadlines? - EWCS 100% 80% 20% 0% (Almost) never Between 1/4 and 3/4 of the time (Almost) all of the time The diagram presents the responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) to the question: "Does your job involve working to tight deadlines?"

Country	Never (%)	¹ / ₄ and ³ / ₄ of the time (%)	All the time (%)	
EU28	36	37	27	
Switzerland (CH)	37	40	23	





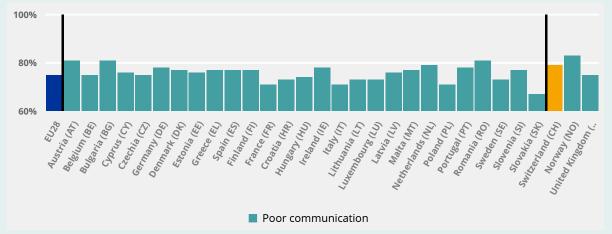
Please tell me for each of the following risks whether or not it is present in the establishment? Poor communication - ESENER



The diagram is based on the ESENER 2019 Survey. It presents one of the possible responses to the question: "Please tell me for each of the following risks whether or not it is present in the establishment?" The diagram shows the response to the following answer option: "Poor communication or cooperation."

Country	Yes (%)	No (%)
EU27_2020	17.9	82.1
Switzerland (CH)	20.5	79.5

Level of fairness, cooperation and trust - EWCS



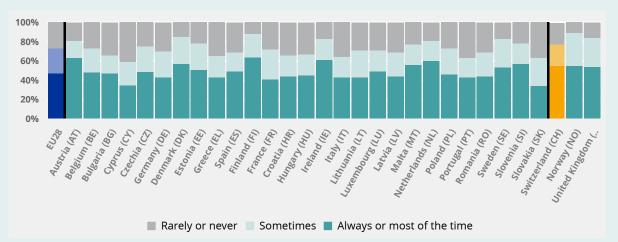
The diagram presents a composite indicator "Level of fairness, cooperation and trust" based on responses to a number of questions in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS).

Country	Value (%)
EU28	75
Switzerland (CH)	79





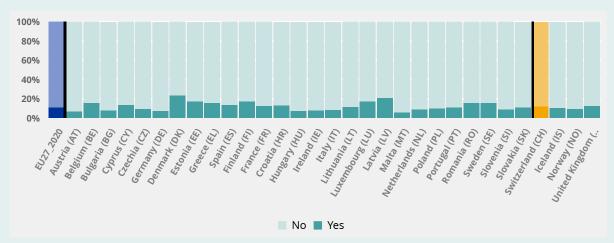




The diagram presents the responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) to the question: "Can you influence decisions that are important for your work?"

Country	Rarely or never (%)	Sometimes (%)	Always or most of the time (%)
EU28	27	26	47
Switzerland	22	22	55
(CH)			

Please tell me for each of the following risks whether or not it is present in the establishment? Fear of job loss - ESENER



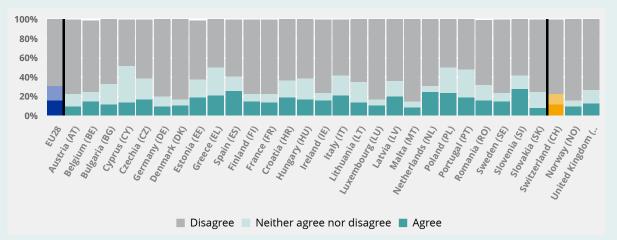
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Country	Yes (%)	No (%)
EU27_2020	11.1	88.9
Switzerland (CH)	12.5	87.5





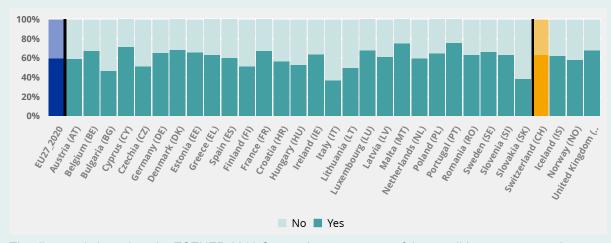




The diagram presents the responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) to the question: "I might lose my job in the next 6 months"

Country	Disagree (%)	Neither agree or disagree (%)	Agree (%)	
EU28	69	15	16	
Switzerland (CH)	77	11	12	

Please tell me for each of the following risks whether or not it is present in the establishment? Difficult clients - ESENER



The diagram is based on the ESENER 2019 Survey. It presents one of the possible responses to the question: "Please tell me for each of the following risks whether or not it is present in the establishment?" The diagram shows the response to the following answer option: "Having to deal with difficult customers, patients, pupils etc".

Country	Yes (%)	No (%)
EU27_2020	59.7	40.3
Switzerland (CH)	63.3	36.7







question: "Does your work involve handling angry clients?"

(Almost) never Between 1/4 and 3/4 of the time (Almost) all of the time The diagram presents the responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) to the

Lithuania (LT)

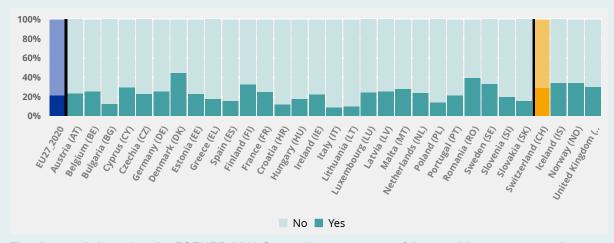
Italy (IT)

etherlands (ML)

HUMSesy HU Croatia (HR)

Country	Never (%)	1/4 and 3/4 of the time (%)	All the time (%)
EU28	63	26	11
Switzerland (CH)	61	27	11

Please tell me for each of the following risks whether or not it is present in the establishment? Working hours - ESENER



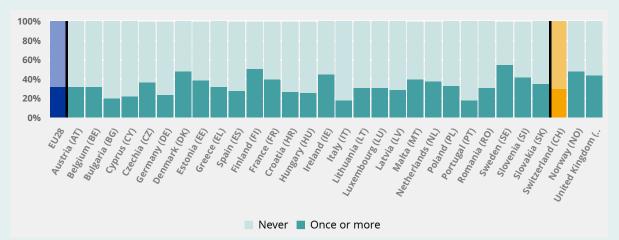
The diagram is based on the ESENER 2019 Survey. It presents one of the possible responses to the question: "Please tell me for each of the following risks whether or not it is present in the establishment?" The diagram shows the response to the following answer option: "Long or irregular working hours."

Country	Yes (%)	No (%)
EU27_2020	21.5	78.5
Switzerland (CH)	29.2	70.8





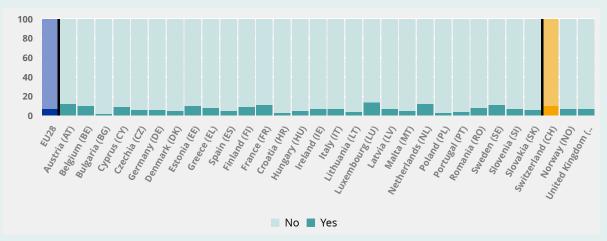




The diagram presents the responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) to the question: "How many times a month do you work more than 10 hours a day?"

Country	Yes (%)	No (%)
EU28	32	68
Switzerland (CH)	30	70

Have you been subjected to discrimination at work in the last 12 months?



The diagram presents the responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) to the question: "Have you been subjected to discrimination at work in the last 12 months?"

Country	Yes (%)	No (%)
EU28	7	93
Switzerland (CH)	10	90

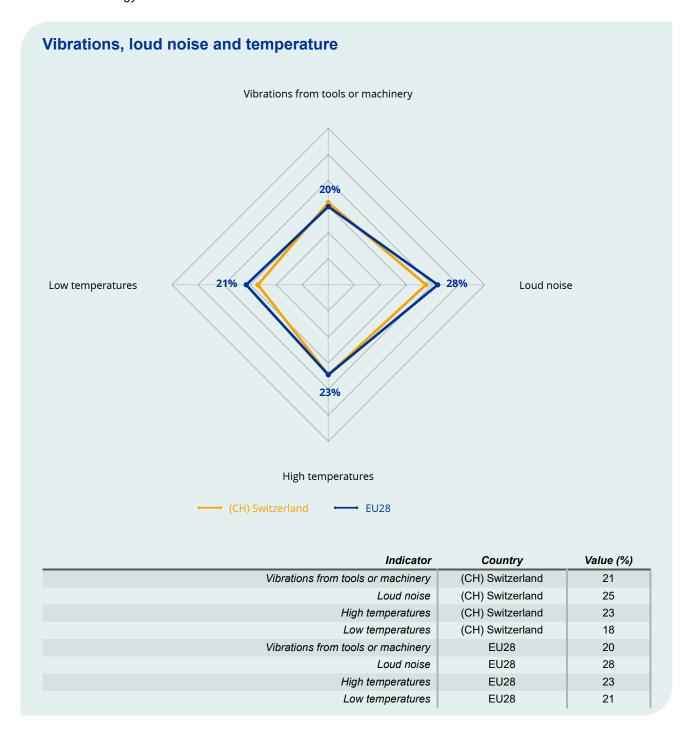




Physical risk

This topic displays data on exposure to chemical and biological substances, exposure to noise, vibrations and high or low temperatures, and working tasks involving carrying, lifting or work in tiring or painful positions.

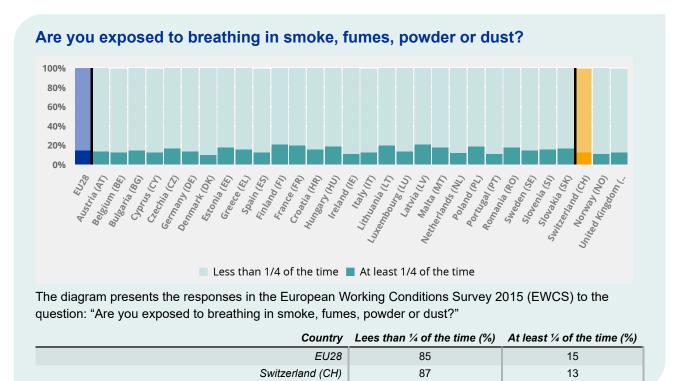
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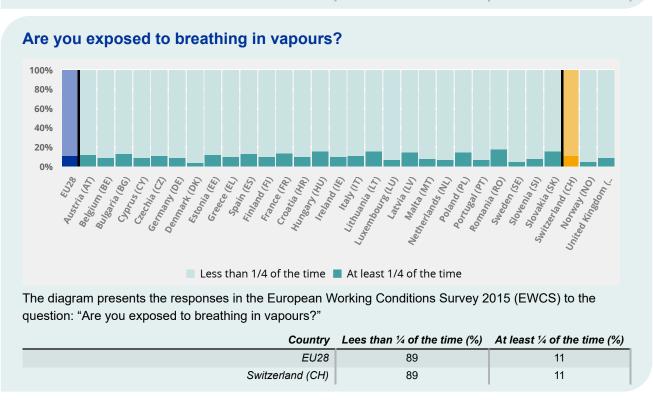






Exposure to dangerous substances





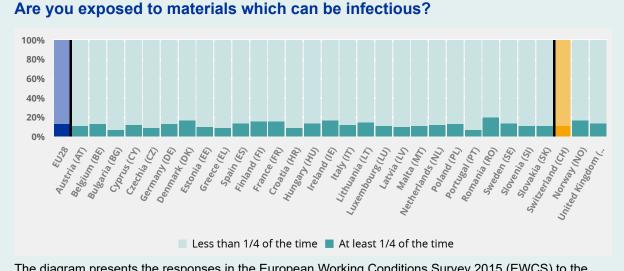






The diagram presents the responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) to the question: "Are you exposed to chemical products or substances?"

Country	Lees than ¼ of the time (%)	At leas ¼ of the time (%)	
EU28	83	17	
Switzerland (CH ₂	85	15	

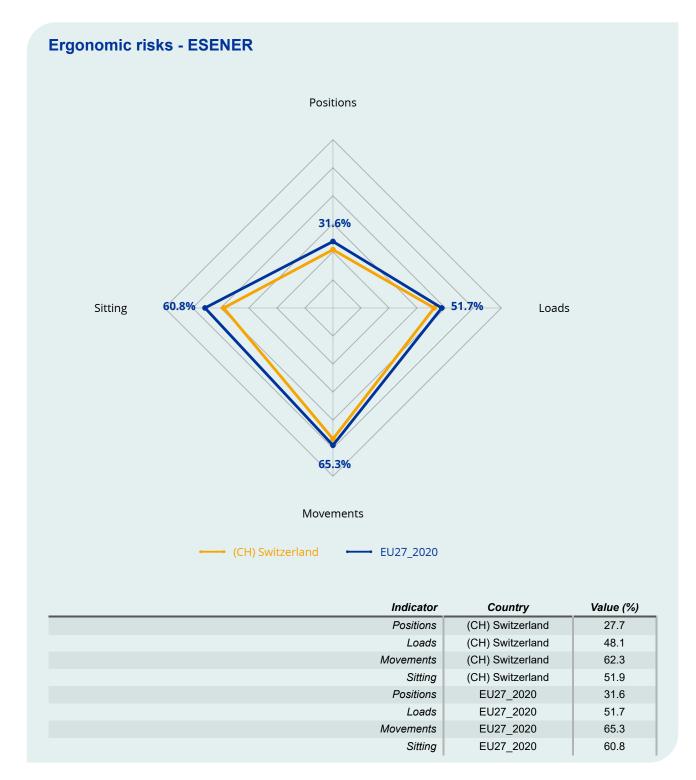


The diagram presents the responses in the European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS) to the question: "Are you exposed to materials which can be infectious?"

Country	Lees than ¼ of the time (%)	At leas ¼ of the time (%)	
EU28	87	13	
Switzerland (CH)	89	11	

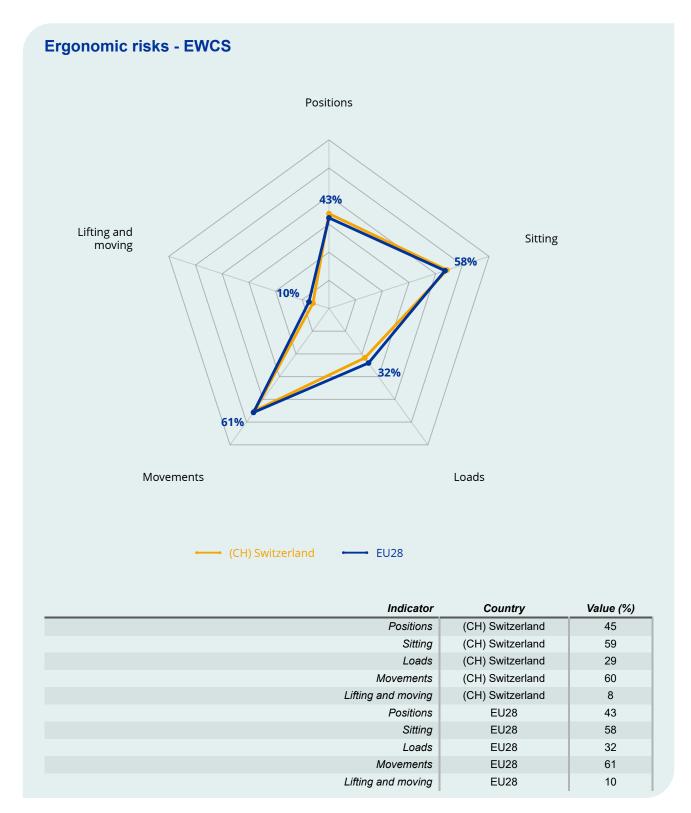












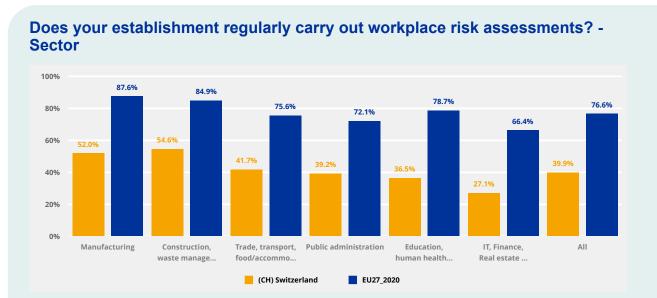




OSH outcomes and working conditions Prevention in companies

This indicator visualises data on how OSH is implemented on company/enterprise level, mainly focusing on risk assessment, related questions and OSH training for workers.

Source: ESENER 2019 Survey. For further information refer to Methodology



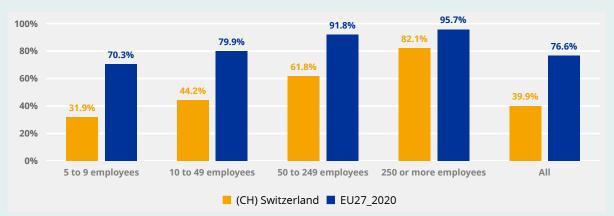
The diagram displays 'yes' the responses in the ESENER 2019 Survey - by Member State and sector - to the question : "Does your establishment regularly carry out workplace risk assessments?"

Sector	Country	Value (%)	Country	Value (%)
Manufacturing	(CH) Switzerland	52	EU27_2020	87.6
Construction, waste management, water and electricity supply	(CH) Switzerland	54.6	EU27_2020	84.9
Trade, transport, food/accommodation and recreation activities	(CH) Switzerland	41.7	EU27_2020	75.6
Public administration	(CH) Switzerland	39.2	EU27_2020	72.1
Education, human health and social work activities	(CH) Switzerland	36.5	EU27_2020	78.7
IT, Finance, Real estate and other technical scientific or personal service activities	(CH) Switzerland	27.1	EU27_2020	66.4
All	(CH) Switzerland	39.9	EU27_2020	76.6





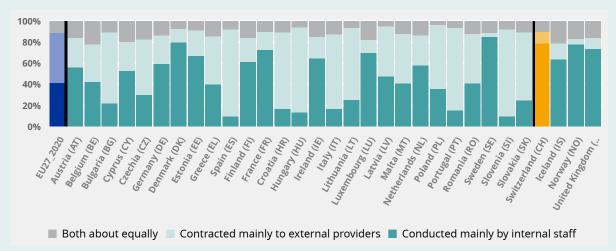
Does your establishment regularly carry out workplace risk assessments? - Establishment size



The diagram presents the 'yes' responses in the ESENER 2019 Survey - by Member State and company size - to the question : "Does your establishment regularly carry out workplace risk assessments?"

Sector	Country	Value (%)	Country	Value (%)
5 to 9 employees	(CH) Switzerland	31.9	EU27_2020	70.3
10 to 49 employees	(CH) Switzerland	44.2	EU27_2020	79.9
50 to 249 employees	(CH) Switzerland	61.8	EU27_2020	91.8
250 or more employees	(CH) Switzerland	82.1	EU27_2020	95.7
All	(CH) Switzerland	39.9	EU27_2020	76.6

Are workplace risk assessments mainly conducted by internal staff or are they contracted to external service providers?



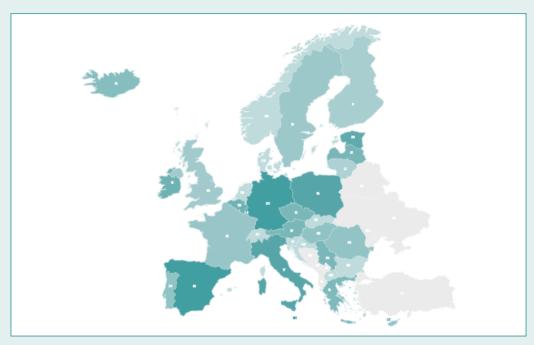
The diagram displays the responses in the ESENER 2019 Survey to the question: "Are workplace risk assessments mainly conducted by internal staff or are they contracted to external service providers?"

Country	Both about equal (%)	External (%)	Internal (%)
EU27_2020	11.2	47.1	41.7
Switzerland (CH)	10.1	11.2	78.8



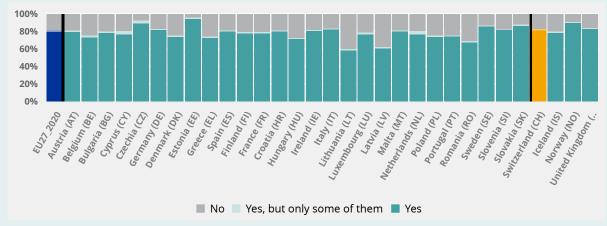


Evaluated aspects in risk assessments



Responses to Evaluated aspects can be found in ESENER 2019 Survey in the section OSH Management – Aspects evaluated in the workplace risk assessment. For further information please, check the ESENER methodology.

Are the health and safety representatives provided with any training during work time?



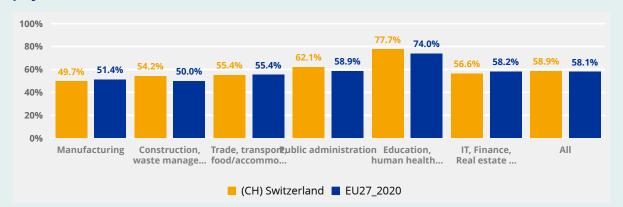
The diagram displays the responses in the ESENER 2019 Survey to the question: "Are the health and safety representatives provided with any training during work time?". additional information about this indicator can be obtained in ESENER 2019 Survey in the section OSH Management – Lack of information or adequate tools to deal with the risk effectively

Country	No (%)	Yes, but only some of them (%)	Yes (%)
EU27_2020	18.7	1	80.3
Switzerland (CH)	16.7	1.2	82.1





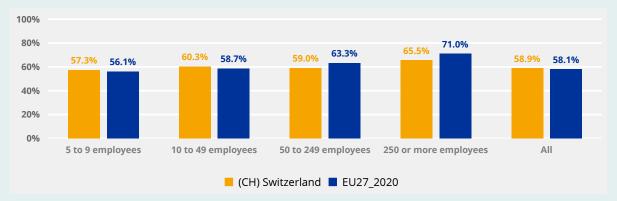
Did the employees have a role in the design and set-up of measures to address psychosocial risks? - Sector



The diagram displays the 'yes' responses in the ESENER 2019 Survey - by Member State and sector - to the question : "Did the employees have a role in the design and set-up of measures to address psychosocial risks?"

Sector	Country	Value (%)	Country	Value (%)
Manufacturing	(CH) Switzerland	49.7	EU27_2020	51.4
Construction, waste management, water and electricity supply	(CH) Switzerland	54.2	EU27_2020	50
Trade, transport, food/accommodation and recreation activities	(CH) Switzerland	55.4	EU27_2020	55.4
Public administration	(CH) Switzerland	62.1	EU27_2020	58.9
Education, human health and social work activities	(CH) Switzerland	77.7	EU27_2020	74
IT, Finance, Real estate and other technical scientific or personal service activities	(CH) Switzerland	56.6	EU27_2020	58.2
All	(CH) Switzerland	58.9	EU27_2020	58.1

Did the employees have a role in the design and set-up of measures to address psychosocial risks? - Establishment size



The diagram displays the 'yes' responses in the ESENER 2019 Survey - by Member State and company size - to the question : "Did the employees have a role in the design and set-up of measures to address psychosocial risks?"

Sector	Country	Value (%)	Country	Value (%)
5 to 9 employees	(CH) Switzerland	57.3	EU27_2020	56.1
10 to 49 employees	(CH) Switzerland	60.3	EU27_2020	58.7
50 to 249 employees	(CH) Switzerland	59	EU27_2020	63.3
250 or more employees	(CH) Switzerland	65.5	EU27_2020	71
All	(CH) Switzerland	58.9	EU27_2020	58.1



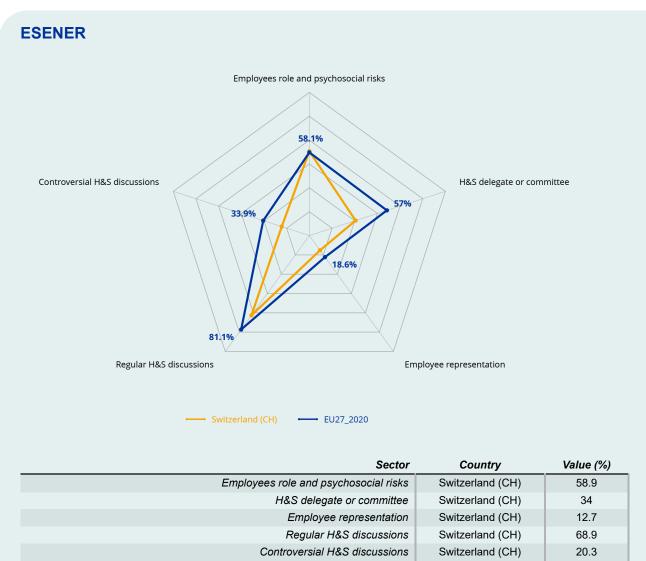


OSH outcomes and working conditions **Worker involvement**

This section displays mainly quantitative data that show how workers are represented at company level and how they are involved in the prevention policy of the companies.

Sources: ESENER 2019 Survey and European Working Conditions Survey 2015 (EWCS). For further information refer to Methodology

Worker involvement

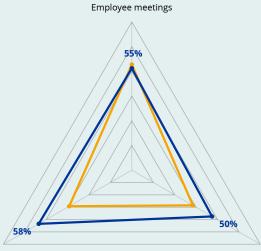


Employees role and psychosocial risks	Switzerland (CH)	58.9
H&S delegate or committee	Switzerland (CH)	34
Employee representation	Switzerland (CH)	12.7
Regular H&S discussions	Switzerland (CH)	68.9
Controversial H&S discussions	Switzerland (CH)	20.3
Employees role and psychosocial risks	EU27_2020	58.1
H&S delegate or committee	EU27_2020	57
Employee representation	EU27_2020	18.6
Regular H&S discussions	EU27_2020	81.1
Controversial H&S discussions	EU27_2020	33.9





EWCS



H&S delegate or committee Representation of employees

← (CH) Switzerland ← EU28

Sector	Country	Value (%)
Employee meetings	(CH) Switzerland	57
Representation of employees	(CH) Switzerland	38
H&S delegate or committee	(CH) Switzerland	39
Employee meetings	EU28	55
Representation of employees	EU28	50
H&S delegate or committee	EU28	58





OSH infrastructure Enforcement capacity

This indicator mainly contains the non-confidential parts of Senior Labour Inspectors Committee reports about enforcement in Member States

Sources: ESENER 2019 Survey and Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee.

For further information refer to Methodology



Authority

No information available

Scope of the Labor Inspection

No information available

Inspector powers

No information available

Strategy/Plan

No information available





OSH infrastructure OSH statistics, surveys and research

Here you will find a comprehensive overview of availability of OSH statistics and surveys on working conditions and research capacities in the different Member States and the EU.

For further information refer to Methodology