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TIMELINE OF OSH ACTION PROGRAMMES /STRATEGIES

1978-1982	1984-1998	1987	2002-2006	2007-2012	2013-2020	2020 - ?
1st Action Programme	2nd Action Programme	Single European Act	EU strategy on H&S	EU strategy on H&S	No strategy launched	What future?

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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2014-2020

Three major challenges:

1. Improve **implementation** of existing health and safety rules, of micro and small enterprises.
2. To improve the prevention of **work-related diseases**.
3. To take account of the **ageing of the EU's workforce**.

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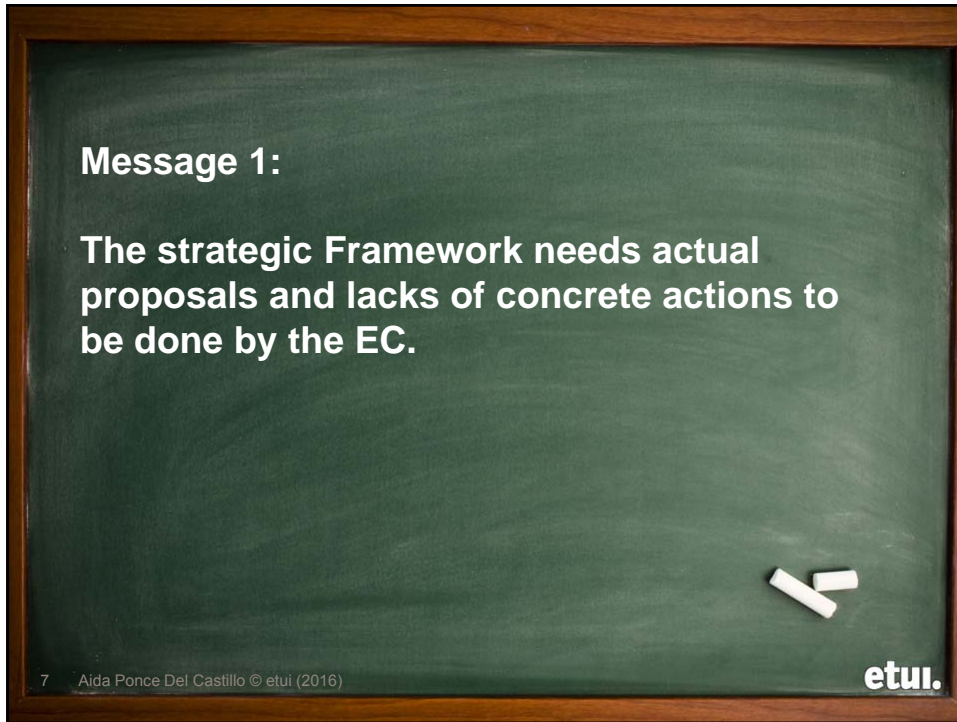
STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2014-2020

Seven strategic objectives:

1. Further consolidating **national** health and safety strategies.
2. Providing practical support to **small and micro enterprises**.
3. Improving **enforcement** by Member States.
4. **Simplifying existing legislation**.
5. Addressing the **ageing** of the European workforce.
6. Improving **statistical data** collection to have better evidence and developing monitoring tools.
7. Reinforcing coordination with **international organisations**.

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Why an Ex-Post Evaluation?

Framework Directive 89/391/EEC Art 17: EC will evaluate the implementation of the 24 OSH Directives, in terms of relevance, new research and scientific knowledge.

It fits on the Commission's regulatory fitness and performance programme (REFIT), COM(2012) 746.

Relevance, Effectiveness and Coherence, and that EU legislation is fit for purpose

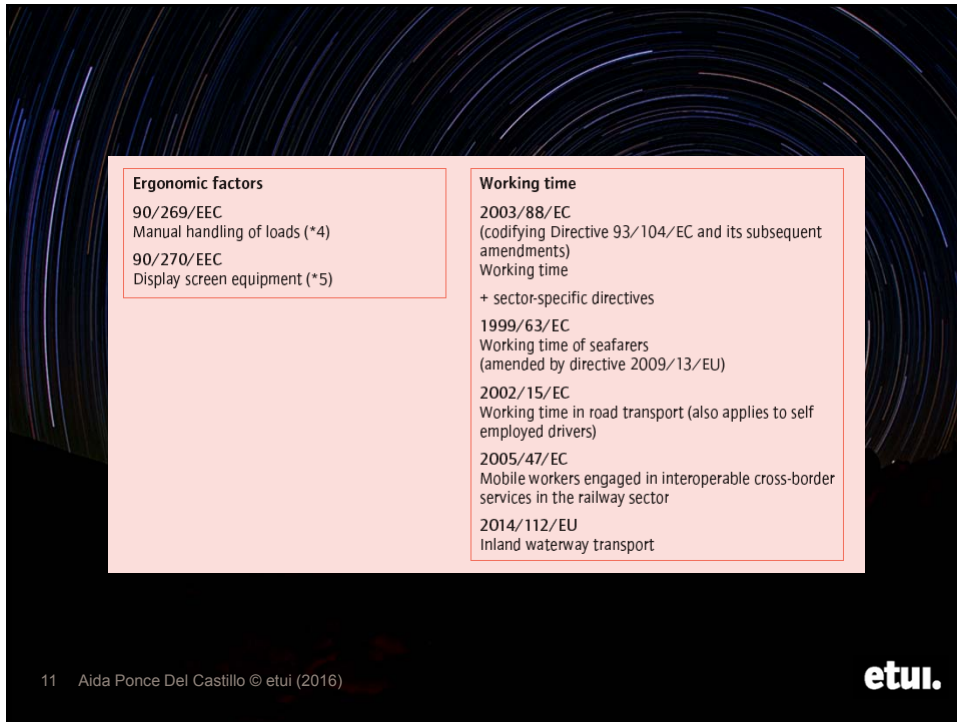
This will strengthen the evidence base for possible new initiatives in the future. For this reason, the current strategic framework will be reviewed in 2016.

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Which OSH Directives?


<p>Workplace 89/654/EEC Workplace (*1) 92/57/EEC Temporary or mobile construction sites (*8) 92/58/EEC Safety and/or health signs (*9) 1999/92/EC Explosive atmospheres (*15)</p> <p>Use of work equipment 2009/104/EC (codifying Directive 89/655/EEC and its subsequent amendments) (*2)</p> <p>Personal protection 89/656/CEE Use of personal protective equipment (*3)</p> <p>Specific activities 92/29/EC Medical treatment on board vessels 92/91/EEC Mineral extraction through drilling (*11) 92/104/EEC Surface and underground mineral-extracting industries (*12) 93/103/EC Fishing vessels (*13) 2010/32/EU Prevention from sharp injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector</p> <p>Precarious employment conditions 91/383/EEC Temporary agency workers and fixed-term contracts</p>	<p>Exposure to chemical, physical and biological agents 2004/37/EC (codifying Directive 90/394/EC and its subsequent amendments) Carcinogens and mutagens (*6) 2000/54/EC (codifying Directive 90/679/EC and its subsequent amendments) Biological agents (*7) 98/24/EC Chemicals 2009/148/EC (codifying Directive 1983/477/EC and its amendments) Asbestos (*14) 2002/44/EC Vibrations (*16) 2003/10/EC Noise (*17) 2006/25/EC Artificial optical radiation (*19) 2013/59/Euratom (amending previous directives) Ionising radiation 2013/35/EU (amending a 2004 directive) Electromagnetic fields (*18)</p> <p>Specific categories of workers 92/85/EEC Pregnant workers and workers who have recently given birth or are breastfeeding (*10) 94/33/EC Young people at work</p>	<p>2000/39/EC 2006/15/EC 2009/161/EU Indicative occupational exposure limit values</p>
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Ergonomic factors	Working time
90/269/EEC Manual handling of loads (*4)	2003/88/EC (codifying Directive 93/104/EC and its subsequent amendments) Working time
90/270/EEC Display screen equipment (*5)	+ sector-specific directives
	1999/63/EC Working time of seafarers (amended by directive 2009/13/EU)
	2002/15/EC Working time in road transport (also applies to self employed drivers)
	2005/47/EC Mobile workers engaged in interoperable cross-border services in the railway sector
	2014/112/EU Inland waterway transport

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REFIT – making EU law lighter, simpler and less costly.
State of play and outlook, 18 June 2014.

REFIT implementation is in full swing.
EC is delivering on more than 100 REFIT actions announced on 2 October 2013:

<p>In 2014 EC withdrew 53 pending legislative proposals (e.g. soil protection directive). Since 2005 almost 300 pending proposals have been withdrawn.</p> <p>EC did not present a number of proposals on which it had already been working (e.g. occupational safety and health for hairdressers)</p>	<p>EC is preparing 6 repeals of existing EU legislation as foreseen (e.g. steel statistics and retrofitting of mirrors to heavy goods vehicles)</p> <p>Evaluations and fitness checks have started (e.g. on waste, Natura 2000, passenger ship safety and General Food Law).</p> <p>Lighter regimes for SMEs and exemptions for micro-companies are applied wherever appropriate.</p>	<p>Council and EP have adopted important proposals for simplification and burden reduction (e.g. professional qualifications, public procurement, tachographs). MS have an important to apply EU law in the least burdensome way and make use of simplification options.</p> <p>A new annual scoreboard published on 18 June details progress for each REFIT initiative</p>
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more info: ec.europa.eu/refit

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EC WORK PROGRAMME 2016

REFIT ACTIONS IN OCCUPATIONAL H&S

REACH	Legislative Evaluation	Simplification of the Authorisation procedure. Launching of an evaluation to be completed in 2017 .
Lifts Directive 95/16/EC	Evaluation	The evaluation will cover the scope, the essential health and safety requirements and their links with the related conformity assessment procedure.
OHS legislation	Evaluation/ Legislative	Follow-up to the REFIT Evaluation of Council Directive 89/391/EEC and 23 related Directives with the aim of increasing its effectiveness and efficiency.

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OSH Ex-Post Evaluation next steps:

EC Inter-Service Steering Group

Regulatory Scrutiny Board: reviews the legislative proposal: financial costs, relevance, effectiveness, coherence.

EC Staff working Paper with RECOMMENDATIONS June 2016

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EU INSTITUTIONS AGENDA

Presidency of the Council of the EU:
Netherlands: Jan-June 2016:
Slovakia: July-Dec 2016

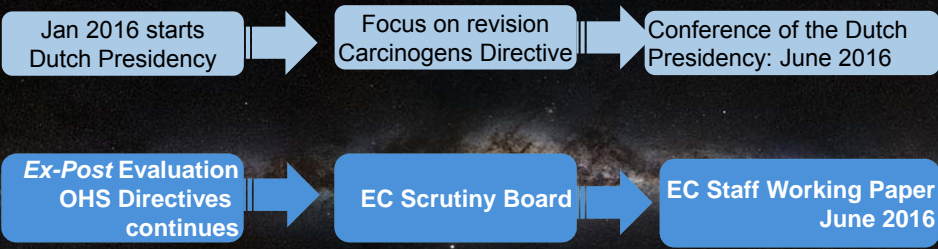


EU OSHA 2016-2017 CAMPAIGN:
 Promoting sustainable work and healthy ageing from the start of the working life.



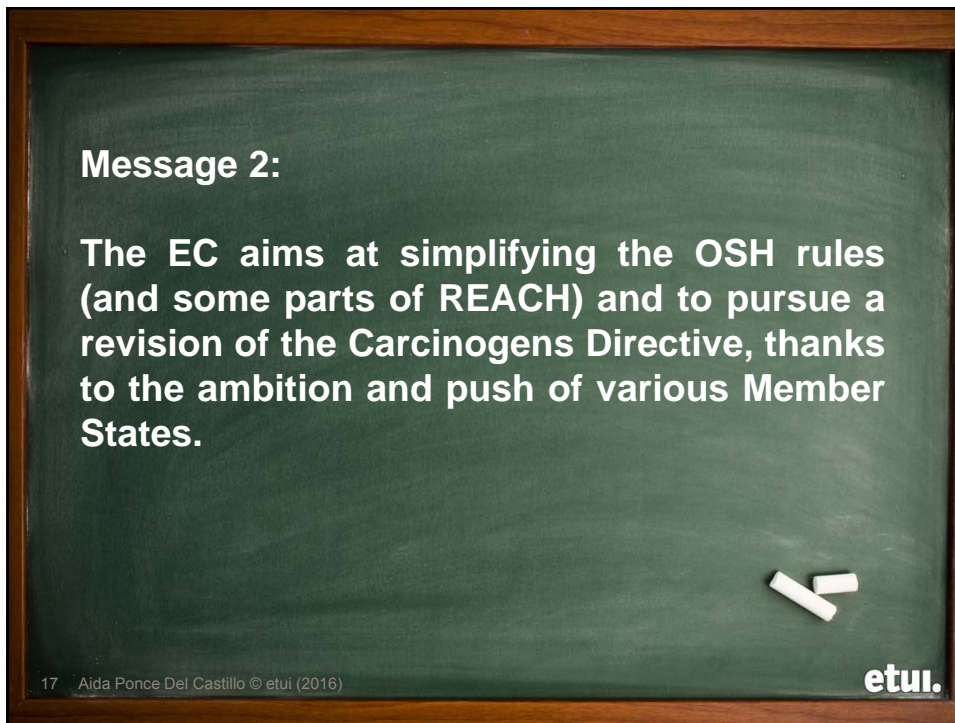
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MILESTONES UNTIL JUNE 2016



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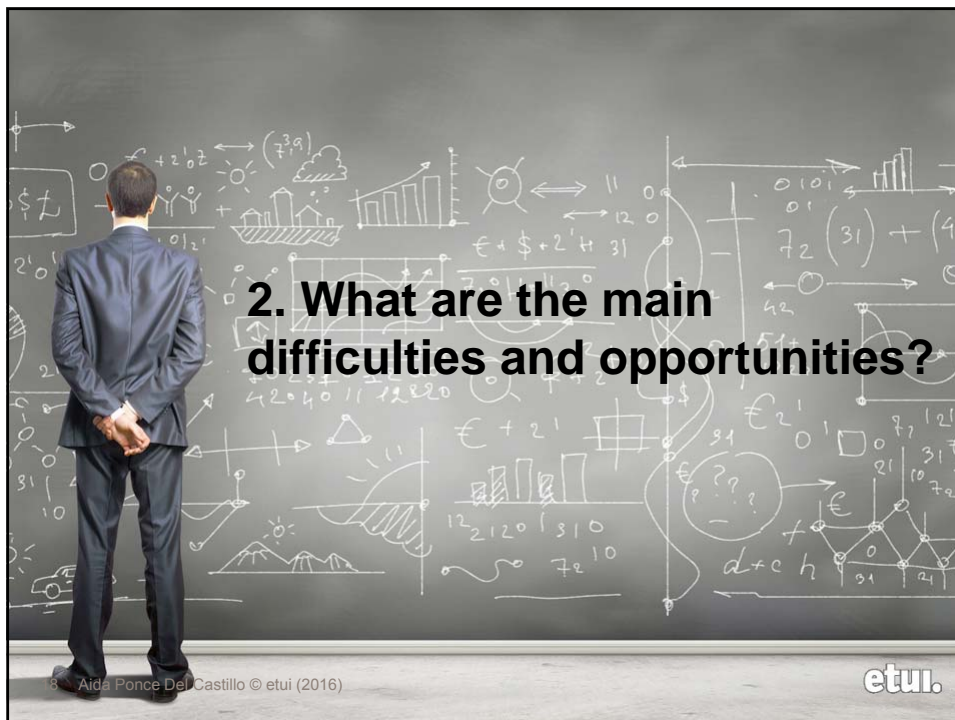


Message 2:

The EC aims at simplifying the OSH rules (and some parts of REACH) and to pursue a revision of the Carcinogens Directive, thanks to the ambition and push of various Member States.

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2. What are the main difficulties and opportunities?

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DIFFICULTIES

The New Regulatory Package:

OSH will face a dramatic change de-regulation/self-regulation.

Increase use of the 'cost/benefit' analysis from the EU institutions (eg: the revision of the Carcinogens Directive).

Self-regulation in standardization: ISO 45001 Occupational health and safety management systems,

Difficulties in implementing **framework agreements** on work-related stress (2004) violence & harassment (2007).

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DIFFICULTIES

- Which impact the **Evaluation** will have to the EC Strategic Framework?

Which impact will have the revision of the Machinery Directive?

- Which impact the **TTIP** will have on OSH?
- Adoption of the proposed Directive on **MSDs** by the tripartite ACSH.
- International standardization – **ISO**

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OPPORTUNITIES

1. ETUC OSH Committee: First meeting February 22nd

2. ETUI WORK IN OSH AREA:
 Safety of machinery,
 Musculoskeletal disorders, Psychosocial risks
 Training safety reps on nanomaterials.
 Training for EWCs

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3. ETUC action: STOP CANCER AT WORK CAMPAIGN

**Stop cancer
at work**

With more than 100,000 deaths a year, cancer is the number one work-related killer in the EU28



Estimations of occupational cancer deaths per EU country in 2011, based on Takala report (2015).

53% of all work-related deaths are caused by occupational cancer.



THESE DEATHS ARE PREVENTABLE



ETUI Report: Occupational exposure limits for carcinogens.

<https://www.etui.org/Topics/Health-Safety/News/New-ETUI-report-recommends-the-adoption-by-the-EU-of-binding-limit-values-for-71-carcinogens>

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4. Revision of the Carcinogens and Mutagens Directive in 2016

- A first batch of 13 substances will be presented in the conference of the Dutch Presidency on .

Conference Preventing work-related cancer
European conference on carcinogens
23 – 25 May 2016

www.preventingworkrelatedcancer.nl/home

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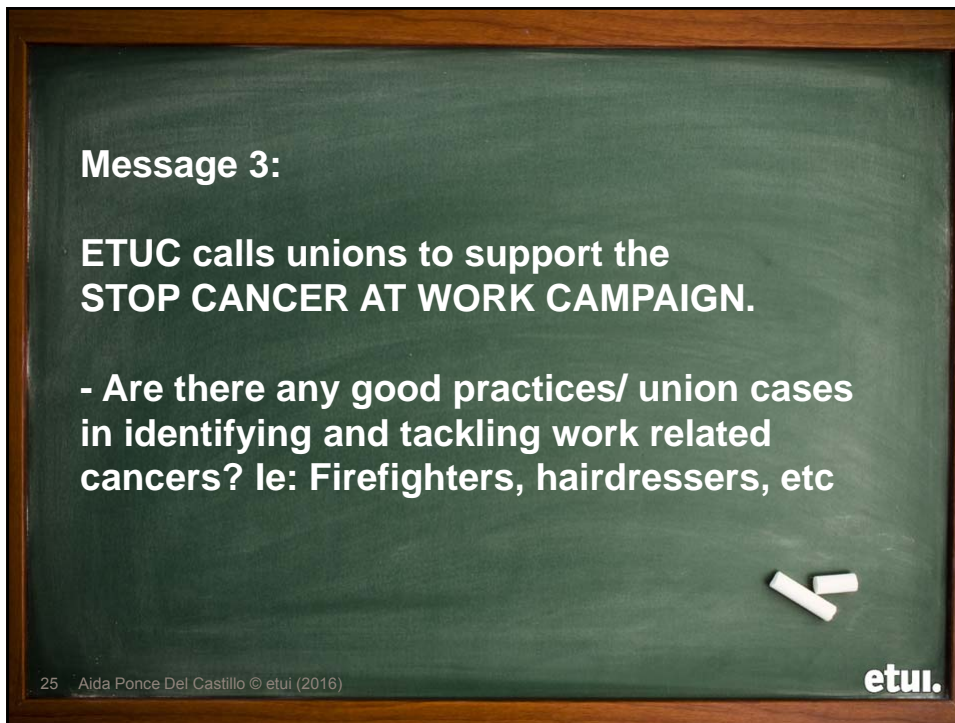
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ETUI projects that aim at shaping and influencing the future of occupational health and safety

- OSH scenario 2040: what OSH for future generations?
- Cost of inaction in occupational cancers.
- Alternatives for worker compensation.
- What models for cooperation and representation of health and safety at the EWCs?
- ETUI training for workers and safety reps on nanomaterials- NanoDIODE.

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Message 3:

ETUC calls unions to support the STOP CANCER AT WORK CAMPAIGN.

- Are there any good practices/ union cases in identifying and tackling work related cancers? Ie: Firefighters, hairdressers, etc

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4. Take away messages

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1. For more concrete legislative actions, implementation and enforcement tools should be included in the OHS framework, following the 2016 review. ACSH Opinion 2015.

2. Support ETUC's campaign on work related cancer: event, seminar, training?

3. Inclusion of social partners along all processes.



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Thank you !

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