



Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee (SLIC)

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The Senior Labour Inspectors' Committee (SLIC) was established by a decision of the European Commission of 12 July 1995, amended in 2008. It is composed of representatives of authorities for supervision of work safety from EU Member States.

The Committee gives its opinions to the Commission, either at the Commission's request or on its own initiative, on all problems relating to the enforcement by the Member States of Community law on health and safety at work, and on matters covering other areas of Community social legislation which have an impact on health and safety at work. The Committee proposes to the Commission any initiative which it considers appropriate to encourage the effective enforcement of Community law on health and safety at work, by means of a closer cooperation between the national systems for supervision of work safety.

The Committee aims to achieve the following objectives:

- define common principles of labour inspection in the field of health and safety at work and develop methods of assessing the national systems of inspection in relation to those principles;
- promote improved knowledge and mutual understanding of the different national systems and practices of labour inspection, the methods and legal frameworks for action;
- develop exchanges between national labour inspection services of their experiences in monitoring the enforcement of secondary Community OSH legislation;
- promote exchanges of labour inspectors between national administrations and the setting up of training programmes for inspectors;
- develop a reliable and efficient system of rapid information exchange between labour inspectorates on OSH issues;
- establish active cooperation with labour inspectorates of third countries to promote better understanding and to assist in resolving any cross-border problems;
- study the possible impact of other Community policies on labour inspection activities relating to health and safety at work and working conditions.

The Committee is composed of one full member from each EU Member State; each full member may appoint one alternate member. The term of office of SLIC lasts 3 years. The work of SLIC is managed by a representative of the European Commission, supported by two vice-chairs from the countries holding Presidency of the EU Council in the specific year. The Committee holds two meetings during a year, in which observers from EEA/EFTA countries not-belonging to the EU, the ILO and the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work take part as well. The Committee develops three-year work programmes and draws up an annual report on its activity. Moreover, the Committee sets up working groups – permanent ones and for specific tasks. The groups give reports on their work at the SLIC plenary sessions.