

# Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work

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The European Parliament adopted twelve amendments to the initial proposal. The Commission accepted the 12 amendments made by the European Parliament at 1<sup>st</sup> reading. The common position incorporates 10 of them entirely and 1 of them partly. Only one amendment concerning Annex I was not taken into account.

Furthermore the common position contains a number of amendments - made by the Council - in view of clarifying the text and making it more readable and precise. The Commission considers that the common position does not alter the approach or aims of the proposal and can thus support it as it stands.

The Commission states that it finds the changes introduced by the Council's common position acceptable. They lead to a realistic compromise between, on the one hand, the need for reliable and comparable data for key domains of the areas of public health and health and safety at work in order to support evidence based policy and, on the other hand, the difficulty for most Member States in improving ongoing or start new data collection systems and collecting sufficiently detailed and comparable data for the needs of this Regulation.

In general, the Council changes build upon the Commission's proposal and therefore the Commission can accept the common position.