Health and safety of workers at work: simplifying and rationalising the reports on practical implementation

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The committee adopted the report by Ilda FIGUEIREDO (GUE/NGL, PT) amending the proposed directive under the 1st reading of the codecision procedure. The amendments were the result of a compromise agreed with the Council, with the aim of reaching an agreement at 1st reading:

- the single reports to be submitted by the Member States every 5 years on the implementation of Directive 89/391/EEC and its individual Directives should “assess the various points related to the practical implementation of the different Directives and, where appropriate and available, provide data disaggregated by gender”;

- the Commission shall draw up a questionnaire specifying the content of the report. The structure of the report as defined by the Commission, together with the questionnaire, should be submitted to the Member States “at least” six months before the end of the period covered and the report should be transmitted to the Commission within 12 months (rather than 9 months as originally proposed) of the end of the five-year period it covers;

- the Commission shall inform Parliament, the Council, the Economic and Social Committee and the Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work of the results of its evaluation based on the single reports “within 36 months of the end of the five-year period”;

- the provisions on implementation reports contained in the various directives currently in force should be repealed with effect from the entry into force of the proposed directive;

- the Member States shall adopt the measures needed to comply with the directive by 31 December 2012.