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Roadmap on Carcinogens

The healthcare sector in Europe is an important and growing sector that provides essential services to society, which has become apparent in the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. It is also a sector that employs a majority of female workers, accounting for nearly 80 % of the workforce. These workers are exposed to a combination of many risks, among which it is important to mention biological and chemical risks. With an ageing society and many technological changes, the assessment of risks in this sector is challenging, and workplace measures also need to address the ageing of the working population in this important sector.

EU-OSHA as a founding member of the roadmap on carcinogens initiative that was initiated by the Dutch Presidency of the Council of the EU in 2016, together with the European Commission, the European Social Partners and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, has endeavoured to promote the protection of workers, particularly including those working in services such as the healthcare sector. Many activities have been carried out during the pandemic, and EU-OSHA also put the roadmap on carcinogens at the heart of its Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2018-19, in partnership with many organisations across the EU. This presentation will provide insight on the activities that have been carried out under the roadmap and that are planned, to keep the momentum going on the important goal of reducing exposure to carcinogens and preventing occupational cancer in Europe.