



Working together to eliminate occupational cancer

Where are we now and the way forward



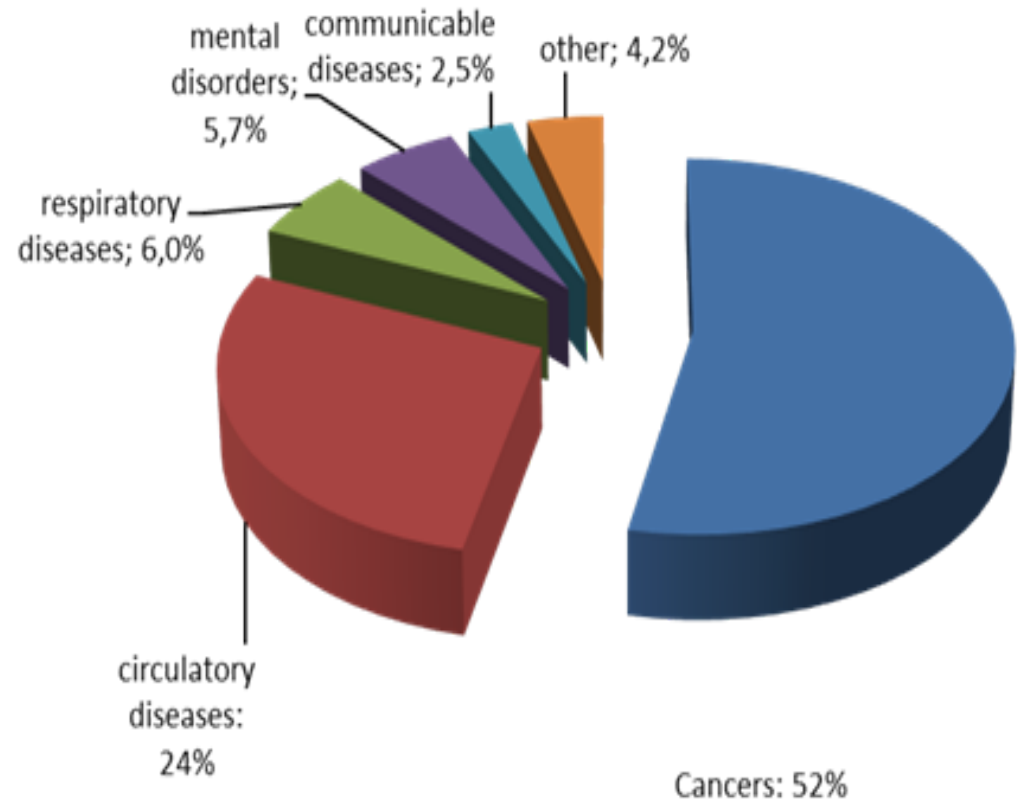
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Why is there a need to act?

- *Cancer is the first cause of work-related deaths in the EU*
- *52% of occupational deaths are attributed to cancer, compared to 24% for circulatory diseases*
- *106,307 deaths are attributed to occupational cancer in the EU every year*
- *Strong desire from all stakeholders to establish occupational exposure limit values*



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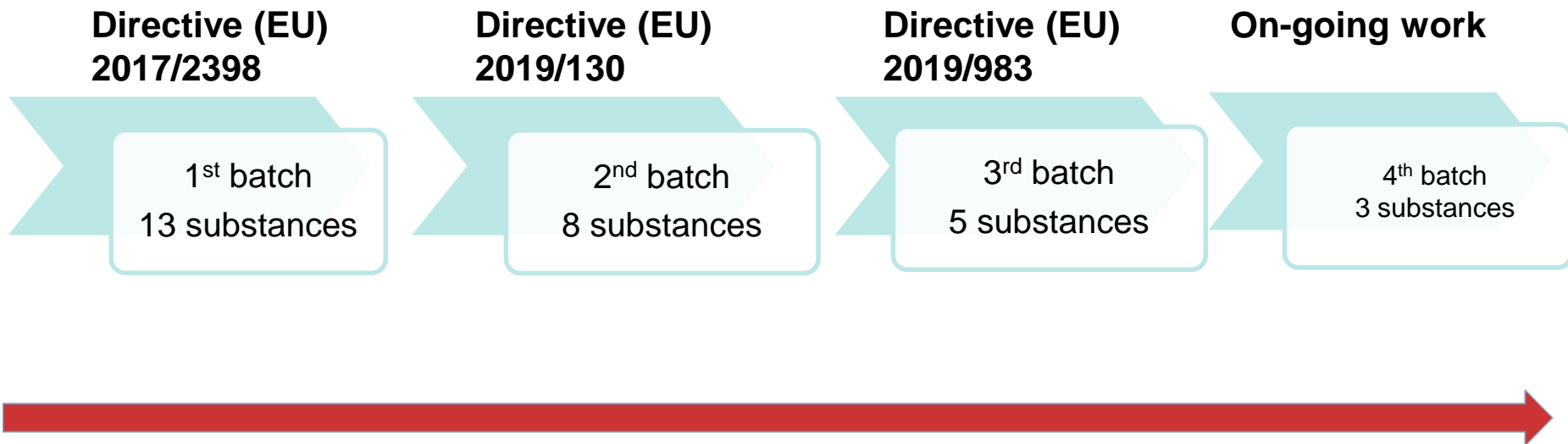


Ursula von der Leyen's agenda for Europe (July 2019)

«(...) almost all of us will know the anxiety and grief of a friend of family member dignosed with cancer. Survival rates are on the up, especially thanks to early detection and screening programmes. But there is a lot more we can do. I will put forward a European plan to fight cancer, to support Member States in improving cancer control and care»

Prevention of occupational cancer is key to fighting cancer

Where are we now?



26 substances addressed in the three amendments

Looking ahead: CMD 4th amendment

Work is on-going on the developoment of occupational exposure limit values for three additional priority substances/group of substances:

- **Acrylonitrile**
- **Benzene**
- **Nickel compounds**

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- *Scientific assessments by ECHA RAC have been completed (March 2018).*
- *ACSH's opinions have been adopted (June 2019)*
- *External study to support the Commission in the preparation of the impact assessment is finalised*
- *Preparation of impact assessment (ongoing)*
- *Obtain positive opinion of Regulatory Scrutiny Board*
- *Adoption of the Commission proposal is expected under the new College of Commissioners*
- *It will then follow the ordinary legislative procedure for adoption by the Council and the European Parliament*

More than limit values

Legally binding requests by the co-legislators to the Commission originating from CMD amendments, e.g.:

- *Study on reprotoxic substances*
 - Discussed by the tripartite Working Party on Chemicals
- *Study on hazardous medicinal products, including cytotoxics*

Challenges

***“Legislation alone is not enough”
Marianne Thyssen***



- *To **improve enforcement and implementation** at the workplaces, in particular in small and micro companies*

Making a difference

It is not just about legislation.

To make a real difference we need supporting actions:

➤ Exchange of best practices among businesses, government bodies and workers organisations



➤ Social Partner Agreements, such as NEPSI
(European Network on Silica, formed in 2006)



➤ EU-OSHA campaign on dangerous substances 2018-2019



Thank you for your attention

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**we look forward to continuing our
close collaboration in the future**

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