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► Promoting Safer Workplaces in the Southern Mediterranean

An EU-ILO Partnership to Enhance
Occupational Safety and Health (OSH)



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► Phase 1: Laying the Foundation for Improved Safety (2022-2024)

In the first 18-month phase, the EU-ILO partnership focused on strengthening the capacities of labour inspectorates to enhance the safety and health of workers in vulnerable conditions in Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia, particularly in the agriculture sector.

Key achievements from Phase 1:

- Strategic compliance plans designed and piloted by labour inspectorates in Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, focusing on agriculture. In Morocco, additional emphasis was placed on improving safety at work and tackle informality.
- Focusing on workers in vulnerable conditions (such as women, youth, informal and migrant workers) helped create awareness on specific OSH risks that these groups face.
- This foundational work set the stage for a broader regional impact, directly benefiting workers in critical sectors while laying the groundwork for sustainable improvement in OSH practices through the implementation of a culture of prevention.



► Phase 2: Expanding Impact and Reach (2024-2026)

Building on the success of Phase 1, the second 18-month phase expands the project's geographical and sectoral focus, now including Egypt alongside Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia. The primary objectives of Phase 2 are:

- Strengthening labour inspection systems in the agriculture and construction sectors to ensure compliance with OSH standards.
- Improving national policy and legal frameworks by aligning them with International Labour Standards, promoting better working conditions.
- Facilitating knowledge exchange across countries to share best practices and foster regional cooperation.

The project is integrated into the [Employment and Labour Roadmap of the Union for the Mediterranean 2022-2025](#), aligning its objectives with regional priorities to promote safer working conditions, enhance labour inspection systems, and support vulnerable workers across the Mediterranean. This linkage underscores its strategic importance for building sustainable and inclusive workplaces throughout the region.



► Workshop Highlight: Bilbao Event

A key milestone between phases was a Workshop that took place on July 1-2, 2024, at the premises of the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), in Bilbao, Spain. The event organised by the European Commission was designed as a regional exchange, bringing together high-level delegations from the ministries in charge of Labour and Social Partners of Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, and Egypt to discuss effective approaches to occupational safety and health (OSH) in agriculture.

This event emphasized collaboration and knowledge exchange, essential for adapting to new and emerging risks.



► Looking Ahead

With the extension of the project to Egypt and the inclusion of the construction sector, the EU-ILO partnership is set to make a lasting impact on improving the health and safety of vulnerable workers in the Southern Mediterranean. Together, we're fostering safer, more inclusive workplaces for all.

This initiative is part of the ILO's Flagship Programme, Safety + Health for All, which aims to ensure safe and healthy working conditions globally, particularly for vulnerable workers. Co-funded by the European Union, it aligns with regional efforts to strengthen occupational safety and health standards across the Southern Mediterranean, fostering safer workplaces and sustainable development.



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