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The Commission presents a Staff Working Paper on the mid-term review of the European strategy 2007-2012 on health and safety at work. It was necessary to conduct a mid-term evaluation in order to take stock of the achievements of the strategy, re-examine the policy orientations in the face of a changing economic and social environment and eventually set out proposals for the future of the Strategy. For this purpose, the Commission initiated in 2010 a process of consultation involving all stakeholders.

This Staff Working Paper is based on the results of this consultation process. It provides a summary of the main achievements and of the problems and improvements necessary to enhance the implementation of the Strategy. It aims at laying the basis for a discussion involving all parties in the preparation of future EU policy initiatives in the area of occupational safety and health, in particular as regards the preparation of a new strategy for the period post-2012.