



Health and safety inspection on temporary and mobile construction sites

SLOVENIA

- **DURATION:** 2023
- **SECTOR:** construction
- **NUMBER OF INSPECTED ENTITIES:** 461 construction sites, 925 companies, 1512 inspections
- **NUMBER OF INSPECTORS ENGAGED IN THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES:** 28



OVERVIEW OF THE CAMPAIGN

The main objective of the inspections conducted in the framework of the campaign was to decrease the number of accidents at work and ensure a safe working environment on construction sites. In addition to traditional construction sites, inspectors also inspected the work sites of contractors such as roofers, carpenters, joiners, and window fitters. They found a total of 2 444 infringements and issued 1 030 measures. Most irregularities were found in relation to: work at height (scaffolding, guardrails, work on roofs), ensuring the use of personal protective equipment, and failure to follow the instructions of occupational safety and health coordinators. Inspectors issued 225 regulatory decisions, 73 of which were issued orally. In 67 cases, work was banned because of direct danger to workers' lives.



PLANNING OF THE CAMPAIGN

The priority area of the campaign was selected based on the inspectorate's own database of workplace accidents, EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2021-2027, and complaints. A specific sector (construction) and the verification of compliance of working conditions with legal requirements were defined as priority areas for the campaign.



ORGANISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Inspections were carried out evenly throughout the planned activities. The duration of the inspections at workplaces was between 2 and 4 hours. The duration of activities at the labour inspectorate's office was no more than 2 hours. Almost all labour inspectors were involved in the inspection activities. The target group of entities to be inspected was identified with the use of INSPIS, the labour inspectorate's information system. Information on accidents at work on specific construction sites, previous infringements, and notices of starting work on construction site were also taken into account. During the inspections labour inspectors had at their disposal: the rationale of the inspection activities; description of the objectives of the inspection activities; description of the ways in which to implement the activities; checklists; information about the rules of programme evaluation; description of the reporting requirements; specialist materials; and examples of reactive actions to be taken by inspectors upon identification of typical cases of incompliance.

Monitoring and coordination activities were carried out by one OSH inspector – construction specialist. He assisted labour inspectors in solving problems and monitored the level of implementation of the plan on the quantitative and qualitative level (whether inspections are carried out according to guidelines).

CAMPAIGN ASSESSMENT

Campaign results were evaluated against the checklists, which were the basis for the inspections and were used to determine whether the inspectors have checked all the issues and whether they identified all the risk factors. Employers provided written answers regarding the elimination of the irregularities identified. Information on the results of the campaign is published in the annual report and, in some cases, on the labour inspectorate's website. Reports on the findings are sent to various mass media if they express such interest. Information is provided on, among others, the duration of the activities, the irregularities found and measures taken. The materials for the media are also accompanied by a commentary on the findings made during the inspections covered by the campaign, good and bad practices, etc. The campaign was repeated in 2024 and its effects will be evaluated in 2025.