Workers have the right to a high level of protection of their health and safety at work. Workers have the right to a working environment adapted to their professional needs...

What are the demands of Social Platform & its Members?

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, undertake tailored action to support Member States and employers, including through its various funding schemes, in ensuring the occupational safety and health of all workers;

Review the occupational health and safety framework to strengthen health prevention and promotion, and the fight against existing psychosocial risks as well as new and emerging risks;

Ensure the protection of all staff, especially of staff in vulnerable situations and staff with temporary or long-term health conditions, in all aspects of their work environment and give them greater flexibility and support to ensure the workplace is fully accessible (including through remote arrangements where appropriate).

Why do we make these demands?

There is a high risk of people being exposed to SARS-CoV-2 if they cannot telework;

Workers teleworking over an extended period of time experience increased stress and poor mental health due to difficulty of balancing work and family life.

How should they be implemented at EU level?

Provide employers with all the necessary support to carry out risk assessments and set appropriate measures that implement guidance for the workplace created by the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work;

Ensure that Member States can use appropriate EU funds to support employers in this undertaking.

Read more about principle 10 in our full paper.