

## Introduction to the Roundtable discussion

**How can OSH-related activities  
contribute to the smart, sustainable  
and inclusive growth of the EU?**

# Europe 2020: A European Strategy for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth

## Key priorities of the Europe 2020 Strategy:

- **Smart growth:** fostering knowledge, innovation, education and digital society
- **Sustainable growth:** making EU production greener and more resource efficient while boosting competitiveness
- **Inclusive growth:** enhancing labour market participation, skills acquisition, and the fight against poverty

## **Five headline targets identified for the whole EU**

- 75% of the population aged 20-64 should be employed
- 3% of the EU's GDP should be invested in R&D
- 20%/20%/20% targets in terms of reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, renewable energy production, and energy efficiency
- The share of school dropouts should be under 10% and at least 40% of the population aged 30-34 should have a degree or diploma
- 20 million fewer people should be living below the poverty line

## **Seven flagship initiatives to meet the targets:**

### **Smart growth**

- Innovation Union
- Digital agenda for Europe
- Youth on the move

### **Sustainable growth**

- Resource efficient Europe
- An industrial policy for the globalisation era

### **Inclusive growth**

- An agenda for new skills and jobs
- European platform against poverty

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## Potential synergies between EU Strategy and OSH



<b>Innovation Union</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting social and workplace innovations</li> <li>• Innovations for active and healthy ageing</li> <li>• Including OSH topics in future EU research and innovation programmes</li> </ul>	<b>New industrial policy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A need for European standards supporting innovation and new technologies</li> <li>• Implementing key enabling technologies (such as biotechnology, nanotechnology, advanced materials, photonics, microrobotics, IMS) etc.</li> <li>• OSH in Public-Private Partnership initiatives (e.g. Factories of the Future, Energy-Efficient Buildings)</li> <li>• Promoting OSH through CSR concept</li> <li>• R&amp;D and innovations in EU textile industry leading to new materials and advanced PPE</li> </ul>
<b>Digital agenda for Europe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High-speed broadband internet to facilitate dissemination and application of OSH knowledge</li> <li>• ICT-based support for disabled and ageing workers</li> <li>• Applying social media for OSH knowledge sharing</li> </ul>	<b>Agenda for new skills and jobs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSH issues in European flexicurity model</li> <li>• Innovative and work-based training methods</li> <li>• Adapting EU <i>acquis</i> on OSH to new work patterns</li> <li>• Soft instruments in OSH (good practices, guidelines)</li> </ul>
<b>Youth on the move</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better quality of higher education (incl. OSH)</li> <li>• Removing mobility barriers by common standards in OSH education and training</li> <li>• Using EU funding programmes for OSH training</li> </ul>	<b>Platform against poverty and exclusion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adapting workplaces to disabled &amp; ageing workers</li> <li>• Preventing work-related mental health problems</li> <li>• Research projects to promote social innovations</li> </ul>
<b>Resource-efficient Europe</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low-emission and resource-efficient technologies</li> <li>• More green jobs involving new technologies – a need to cope with new hazards and risks for workers</li> </ul>	

## Leading questions:

- May OSH-related research and innovations contribute to fostering competitiveness of the EU economy?
- What could be the role of OSH in new industrial policy of the EU?
- How can education, training and development of new skills lead to improvement of working conditions and increase in employment?
- How can we promote OSH legislation and standards to contribute to a sustainable growth of the EU?
- What are the priorities of actions in OSH area from the point of view of different interest groups (governments, employers, workers)?