Stop cancer at work

53% of all work-related deaths are caused by occupational cancer.

These deaths are preventable

Some of the main carcinogens causing work cancers:
- diesel exhaust engine
- crystalline silica
- asbestos
- mineral oils
- benzo(a)pyrene
- chromium VI
- ethylene oxide
- trichloroethylene

50 carcinogens account for more than 80% of all exposure at work.

The ETUC calls on the EU to urgently update the carcinogens and mutagens directive and adopt binding OELs for at least 50 priority carcinogens.

With more than 100,000 deaths a year, cancer is the number one work-related killer in the EU28

Estimations of occupational cancer deaths per EU country in 2011, based on Takala report (2015).

Binding OELs are one of the essential tools for minimizing the exposure levels.

There are large differences in the level of protection of workers across the EU. Every country has its own number of OELs, and often different levels for the same substance.

The first goal: 50+. Future goal: 50+.