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## **Microcensus – ad-hoc module 2020**

### **“Accidents at work and other work-related health problems“**

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## Executive Summary

This survey was commissioned by the European Statistical Office (Eurostat) and is intended to provide information on accidents at work, work-related health problems and work-related stress factors.

The topic of the 2020 ad hoc module " Accidents at work and other work-related health problems " was already established in 2016 in EU Regulation 2016/1851. The delivery variables of the 2020 ad hoc module were fixed in the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1709 of 13 November 2018 defining the technical characteristics of the 2020 ad hoc module. Ad hoc modules on the same topic were previously conducted in 2007 and 2013. The present module was conducted with largely the same program of questions.

The 2020 ad hoc module aims to provide comprehensive comparable data for monitoring and analyzing the targets identified by the European Commission in the EU Strategic Framework for Health and Safety at Work 2014-2020. To this end, statistical data on occupational accidents and diseases as well as work-related exposures and health hazards will be collected on a regular basis. The repetition of the ad hoc module is intended to supplement existing data and provide information on new occupational risk factors for physical and mental health.

The aim of this ad hoc module was to describe the occurrence of occupational accidents and work-related health problems in more detail. In addition, risk factors in the workplace were also queried.

The objectives of this survey were:

- To estimate the number of occupational accidents and associated lost work days, as well as the incidence of other work-related health problems and associated lost work days.
- The description of the type of accident as well as the activity in which an accident occurred.
- The estimate of the frequency and nature of health problems caused or worsened by the occupation.
- The extent of the limitation caused by health problems.
- The description of the activity that caused a health problem.
- The estimation of the extent to which individuals were exposed to physical and psychological risk factors, especially new psychosocial risks.

By linking this survey with the labor force survey, it was possible to analyze the occurrence of occupational accidents and work-related health problems with respect to the following factors:

- Factors related to the specific working conditions of the individual. These are, for example, occupation, professional position, extent of employment, stability of employment, duration of employment, atypical working hours, etc.
- Factors describing the particular employer, such as: Economic class, company size, etc.

This survey was conducted on a European legal basis and financially supported by the European Commission. In the survey period January 2020 to January 2021, all first-time respondents of the Austrian Labor Force Survey aged 15 and over were asked the questions of the module. There was no requirement to provide information in order to respond to the special program.

The three main topics of the survey were:

- Workplace stressors,
- the number and type of work-related health problems and complaints, and
- the number of accidents at work (excluding commuting accidents).

The questionnaire was provided by Eurostat and adapted to national needs by Statistik Austria with the help of experts. The target group of the survey was basically all persons in private households aged 15 years and older; however, the individual questions were addressed to different groups of persons.

The questionnaire of the module was available in English, Serbian-Bosnian-Croatian and Turkish. The module started with a short introduction to the topic. The graph below shows the main groups, each of which received different blocks of questions. Persons aged 15 to 74 who were employed at the time of the survey or had been employed within the last year started the survey with the block "Occupational accidents". Individuals aged 15 to 74 who had been employed for more than one year began the survey with the "Health Problems" block. The questions in the "stress factors" block were directed at all persons who were employed at the time of the survey.

In January 2022, the results were presented in detail in the publication "Occupational accidents and work-related health problems". The results of the 2020 ad hoc module are available in electronic form on the Statistics Austria website, the data for the module can be obtained from AUSSDA (The Austrian Social Science Data Archive).

The results of all EU countries are available in the Eurostat database.

<b>Microcensus – ad-hoc module 2020</b> <b>„Accidents at work and other work-related health problems“- Main Features</b>	
Subject Matter	Questions about accidents at work, work-related health problems and risk factors
Population	Austria residents aged 15 years or more (without persons never been employed); about 6.9 Mio. persons
Type of statistics	Household Survey
Data sources/Survey techniques	Sample survey; Computer-assisted personal interviews using a standardized questionnaire
Reference period or due day	2020
Periodicity	Ad hoc
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	Voluntary
Main legal acts	EU: COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2018/1709 of 13 November 2018 defining the technical characteristics of the 2020 ad hoc module on accidents at work and other work-related health problems for the labour force sample survey provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 577/98.
Most detailed regional breakdown	Austria/Federal states
Availability of results	11-10-2021
Other	-