



Campaign for the prevention of risks arising from exposure to adverse environmental conditions (high temperatures)

SPAIN

- **DURATION:** The campaign is conducted throughout the year, while its activities are more intensive in the summer period.
- **SECTOR:** agriculture (harvesting campaigns), construction, hospitality and industry – in certain workplaces high temperatures may exist in summers depending on specific features of work tasks performed there, as well as other types of activities conducted mainly outdoors
- **NUMBER OF INSPECTED ENTITIES:** 9 606 activities were carried out in 2023.
- **NUMBER OF INSPECTORS ENGAGED IN THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES:** All inspectors were involved in inspection activities.



OVERVIEW OF THE CAMPAIGN

The main objective of inspections carried out in the framework of the campaign was to prevent hazards caused by exposure to adverse environmental conditions resulting from temperature and humidity both inside rooms and during work outdoors. When the summer season begins, the Labour and Social Security Inspectorate intensifies inspections conducted in order to prevent accidents connected with heat stress (high temperatures), among others heat stroke, with special attention to complaints from workers. As a result of the completed inspections, inspectors identified 229 infringements.



PLANNING OF THE CAMPAIGN

The campaign priority area was selected on the basis of: an external database on work-related accidents, the EU strategic framework on health and safety at work 2021-2027, the Spanish strategy for work safety and health for years 2023-2027 and issues raised in complaints lodged with the Spanish labour inspection. The priority area defined for the campaign were special hazards related to heat stress. For identifying the target group of inspected entities, IT tools were used: antifraud system and Integra-Lince system that manages inspection activities and comprises a database with the results of these activities.



ORGANISATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Two inspection periods were carried out in the course of the campaign. The duration of inspection activities conducted in the inspected entity and in the labour inspection's office has not been determined. All labour inspectors were involved in inspection activities. Specialist materials concerning the examined issue (applied technologies, machines, equipment and tools, the existing hazards and relevant legal provisions) were at the disposal of the inspectors during the inspection activities. Execution of inspection activities was neither monitored nor coordinated.

CAMPAIGN ASSESSMENT

Effects of the campaign were assessed on the basis of the number of legal measures issued by the inspectors. Data from the inspections are collected in the Integra-Lince application that provides sets of information based on which a specific inspection campaign is assessed. The application comprises data regarding every inspection campaign carried out by the Spanish labour inspection, which enables to compare the obtained details on a year to year basis. Every year the annual report of the Labour and Social Security Inspectorate is published; it presents a broad overview of activity of the labour inspection in Spain and is divided into three parts. The third part concerns activities conducted in the specific year. Attachments to the report include many tables and charts with detailed information on individual inspection campaigns and their results.

