

Stop cancer

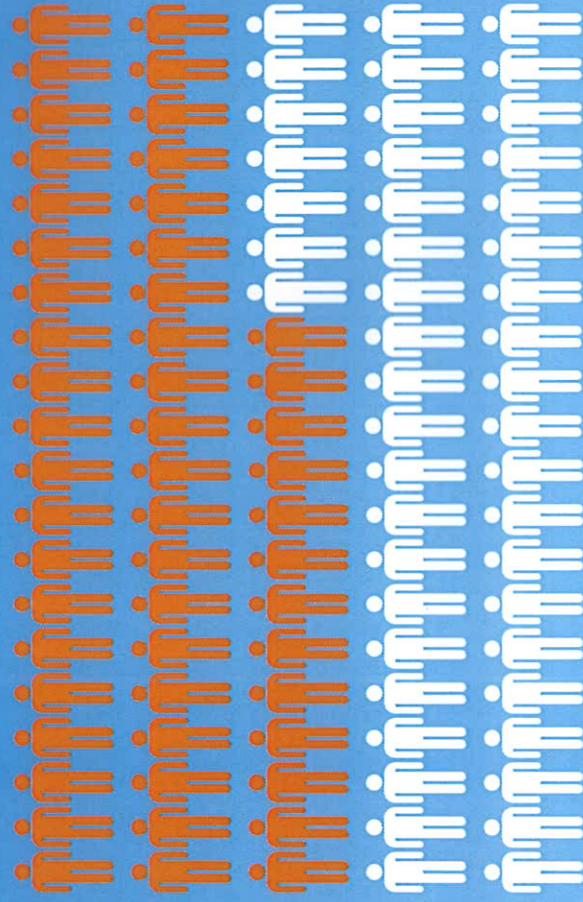
at work

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

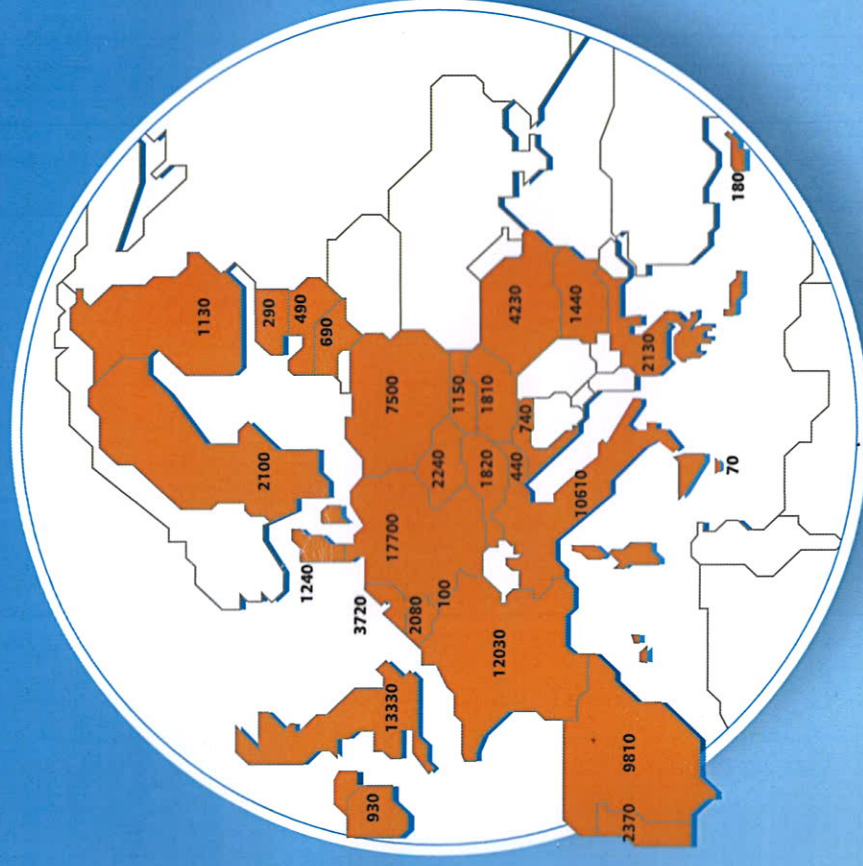


Estimations of occupational cancer deaths per EU country in 2011, based on Takala report (2015).

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.

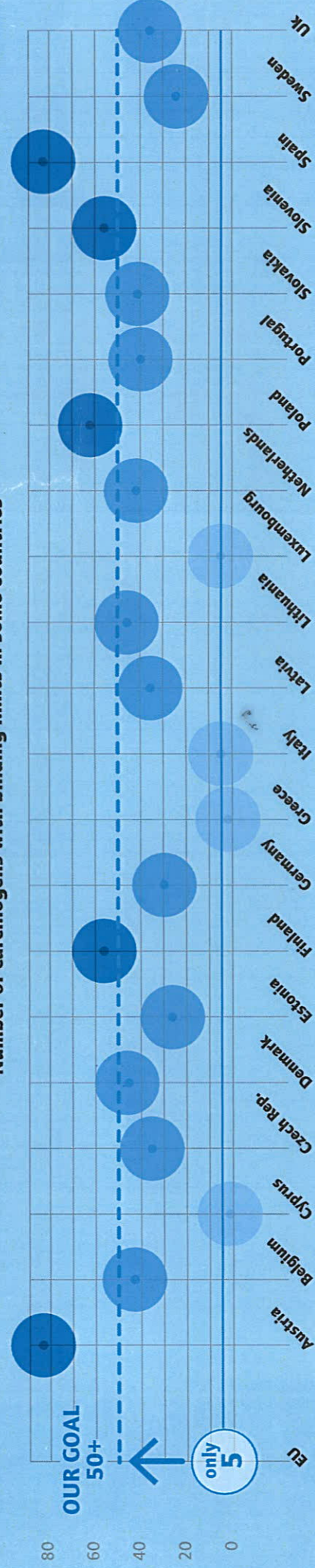
5 The current number of binding occupational exposure limit values (OELs) adopted at EU level.



OELs are minimum levels of protection against hazardous substances in the workplace.

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.

Number of carcinogens with binding limits in some countries



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

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