

***Abstract (mr. Poletti, Minister of Labour – Italy)***

The theme chosen for this 67<sup>th</sup> SLIC meeting, which is intended to focus on the consequences in terms of OSH of the increasing recourse to non standard work in Europe, is now a crucial and very sensible subject in the political agenda.

At European level, this subject has been tackled in the new Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014 – 2020. Pursuing OSH policies at EU and at national level means having a better work environment, enhancing productivity, contributing to the sustainability of the social security systems, which have to better tackle an ageing working population. In that context, special focus is also due to SMEs, whose capacity of providing adequate OSH protection has to be made effective taking account of their specific organization, and due regard should also be assured to effective and adequate training on OSH issues.

Italy is seriously considering these issues. In fact, right now we are working on a bill on the simplification of employment and quasi-employment contracts, which is also meant to grant effective OSH protection while pursuing the objective of contractual simplification. A specific provision of the bill delegates the Government the power to approve specific norms “meant to simplify and rationalize [...] OSH regulation and procedures”, and other provisions concern a better and more efficient organization of labour inspection. There are tight links among issues like “rethinking and simplify employment and quasi-employment contracts” as well as “providing effective OSH regulation and labour inspection”, and the Italian Government considers these links as main paths to follow in the next future.