

Labour inspection in changing times – your perspective matters

Dear Labour Inspectorate team,

thank you for taking the time to find out more about our study. Your experiences and perspectives are central to our efforts to improve processes in the Labour Inspectorate in times of technological and social change.

Aim of the study:

The environment of labour inspection is changing, characterised by technological innovation and digitalisation. These developments not only change working methods and communication processes, but also open up new opportunities for inspection activities. With this qualitative study, we at the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA) would like to investigate how these changes manifest themselves in the work of inspectors and which approaches have proved to be particularly helpful in the future-oriented organisation of inspection.

Who can participate in the study?

A) Executives from national OSH administrations. As experts, you will provide us with valuable insights into the institutional framework, the strategic approaches to technological support and the associated organisational changes. Their perspective is essential to gain a comprehensive picture of the current challenges and potential of labour inspection.

B) Employees of the state labour protection administrations who actively carry out company inspections. To be eligible to participate, respondents must be at least 18 years old and have been working in a labour inspectorate for at least one year.

Study procedure:

We conduct semi-standardised, guideline-based interviews. The interviews last approximately 30 to 60 minutes and can be conducted in person or virtually, depending on your preference. It is important for us to create an open and trusting environment in which you feel free to share your experiences.

Your participation:

Participation is voluntary. You can withdraw at any time without giving a reason. After the interview, you will have the opportunity to review the transcript and, if necessary, raise any objections or withdraw your consent to the use of the data.

Data Protection:

The protection of your personal information is our highest priority. Data will be collected and processed confidentially and in accordance with applicable data protection legislation. All interviews will be analysed anonymously.

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