The People Safety@Work project was launched for Airbus’ commercial aircraft activities in mid-2018. This project has the motto “Nearly Safe is Not Safe”, and it aims to improve the management of work-related injuries in operational areas and drive a safety mind-set. The project purpose is to embed a culture of excellence and a mind-set where risk prevention is core. The project is structured through a multi-functional team involving all impacted functions (e.g. Human Resources, Industry, Final Assembly Line, Facility Management, Procurement). The project has been extended company-wide in 2019. Actions from the People Safety@Work project are detailed in the Initiatives section, together with other health and safety actions, and have been included in the Next Chapter initiatives company-wide.

Since 2018, the particular focus on health and safety has been strongly supported by the Airbus Executive Committee, the roll out of the FISH reporting platform and the implementation of dedicated safety projects such as People Safety@Work, have reinforced the need to report incidents. This resulted in an increase of the Lost Time Injury Frequency Rate in 2018. In 2019, the rate slightly decreased.

IV. Initiatives

Dedicated initiatives, either local or company-wide focusing on occupational safety have been launched in 2019:

- safety rules have been harmonised company-wide, by the creation of “6 Primary Safety Rules”;
- various communication campaigns have been run to remind workers of common health and safety issues, such as holding the handrail, being attentive and not focussed on mobile phone, wearing their safety cap;
- safety days focusing on topics such as chemical hazards, road risk prevention, first aids;
- “Safety Labs” have been installed in most of the Airbus’ commercial aircraft sites. The Safety Labs are places to meet and exchange on safety subjects;
- the Airbus Helicopter “Safety Boxes” concept has been adopted for Airbus commercial aircraft activities to reduce accidents and incidents by gaining employee commitment to safety rules. The Safety Boxes consist of a number of different activities which help to trigger discussion on safety matters between participants in an informal way. So far, ten Safety Boxes have been deployed for Airbus’ commercial aircraft activities and more are planned for 2020.

As part of the continuous improvement objective, the “REACH-IT” project within Airbus’ commercial aircraft activities has pursued its initiatives to review Airbus manufacturing processes, tools and workstations in light of the REACH authorisation application measures for environment, health and safety protection. Similar initiatives are ongoing in the Divisions.

A review of on-site sub-contracting processes has been performed for Airbus’ commercial aircraft activities and a project has been launched in order to harmonise the on boarding process of our on-site sub-contractors.

Employees’ health is protected by programmes that include mandatory and voluntary health checks, health campaigns such as flu vaccination campaigns, stress or addictions guides, skin, vein or cardiovascular screenings and well-being management. Wellbeing weeks have been organised company-wide focusing on topics such as mindfulness, sophrology, harassment prevention.

The Company continues to use learning to support the integration of health and safety into the business culture, and has worked on the harmonisation of employees’ training to ensure consistently high standards of delivery.

- From October 2018 to September 2019, the Company delivered over 148,000 hours of dedicated health and safety training to approximately 20,900 individual employees.
- Executives and managers have been encouraged to focus on health and safety, supported by a dedicated leadership development strategy.
- Executives are provided with an “Environment and Health and Safety Masterclass” to enable their visible and active commitment. In 2019, over 70 executives attended the Environment and Health and Safety Masterclass.