**Questions on the reasons for failures of balustrades in use**

The real-life issues about the failures of balustrades or railings in use were brought up in the AG consultations as a topic to be investigated and surveyed further. Indeed, it would appear highly opportune to know, in which kinds of situations and due to which reasons the Member States authorities have encountered failures of this kind. While statistically representative results might be lacking in this area, it was still considered useful to compile and to explore even anecdotal evidence available for these authorities.

Therefore, the Commission committed to disseminate questions on this matter, to be responded to preferably by end of June 2019, so as to be able to take this input into account when proceeding further with the discussions in the Council WP on the delegated act in question.

1) In your opinion, have there been differences in the failure rates / frequency of failures of balustrades or railings according to their kinds or uses?

2) Do you believe the number of such failures has been increasing or decreasing during the recent years?

Do you believe the number of victims (injured or deceased) of such failures has been increasing or decreasing during the recent years?

3) In cases of failures, to your knowledge, which have been identified as the reasons for them?

Indicative grouping of alternative reasons could be as follows:

* Lacking performance in some respects
* Lack of information on the said performance
* Faulty information delivered on the said performance
* Inappropriate choice of products for a given use
* Insufficient design for the specific use of these products
* Inappropriate installation of balustrades
* Inappropriate anchoring of balustrades
* Other (which)

Open answers would also be appreciated, as clarifications for the reasoning used.

4) If you are aware of available statistics in the field, please specify the source.