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ETUC PROPOSALS FOR COUNTRY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS



 **QUESTIONNAIRE: PROPOSALS FOR COUNTRY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS 2020**

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Please, fill in boxes that are actually relevant for your country. You are not requested to fill in all boxes necessarily. Keep in mind that you can always use attachments to provide additional information.

In principle the questionnaire should be filled in referring to:

- *Trade union priorities identified in the document "ETUC for Growth and Social Progress – Priorities for the AGS"*
- *Implementation of past Country Specific Recommendations"*

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We are facing an unprecedented situation. All the European Countries have been hit from the Corona virus pandemic, and most of the countries have adopted drastic measures to contain the outbreak, including shutting down all the non-essential businesses and factories or limiting the freedom of movement of people. It means EU will face negative effects on health, employment, social and economic sides.

We should foresee policy/reform recommendations to protect workers in the workplace, stimulating the economy and employment, and supporting jobs and incomes.

Although the Country Reports 2020 could appear outdated nowadays, please double check if other major challenges have been identified in the Reports issued last February.

Please write your proposals for country specific recommendation(s) using the boxes in the next page, taking into account the following:

- Write down your policy/reform recommendation(s). Use the European Pillar of Social Rights as a compass.
- Do not write more than 3 policy recommendations. Each recommendation should be max 700characters
- Recommendation 1 includes a predefined text that supports the common request for a COVID- Bond Programme.
Please, feel free to integrate it as you like

RECOMMENDATION 1 (max 700 characters)

The COVID-19 emergency risks having devastating effects on the economy. There must be an EU response. The EC has just launched a 100 bn € plan for the EU reinsurance of income support instruments for workers as a partial response to the complexity of this crisis in terms of income, employment protection and fight against poverty. EU can and must do more. One strategy is mandatory and successful: the significant increase in public debt to support companies and workers. Common debt instruments (Eurobonds) should be issued, guaranteed by EU institutions to fund health systems and an extraordinary investment plan in tangible, intangible and social infrastructure, deducted by deficit calculation.



RECOMMENDATION 2 (max 700 characters)

Tax burden on workers and pensioners in Italy is one of the highest in the EU. 2020 Budget Law and the decree implementing the Government and social partners agreement started decreasing the tax wedge on. Implement a comprehensive tax reform based on constitutional principles of progressivity and equality to reduce tax burden on wages and pensions and a negative tax for the poorest. A review of local taxation should be carried out, also with fairer real estate taxes. Fight against tax evasion and recovery of tax claims is essential to support labour and pension incomes in light of COVID-19. 2020 Budget Law included measures to combat tax evasion, but we need to continue along this path.



RECOMMENDATION 3 (max 700 characters)

Public investment is key to foster economic growth and impact positively on private investment and employment. Italy has a downward trend of public investment: in 2018 it fell to 2.1% of GDP, compared to 2.2% in 2017. In 2008 it was 3% of GDP. Launch an investment plan leading to a yearly 0.3% increase of GDP over the next 5 years, so as to bring investment to 6% of GDP, targeted to sustainable development, social and physical infrastructure, urban regeneration, energy conversion, fight climate change and fund just transition. The South/North gap is still high and widening. The plan for Southern Italy should be implemented and the spending of EU and national cohesion funds stepped up.



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