# EUROPEAN SEMESTER TOOLKIT

## INPUTS FOR MID-TERM FISCAL-STRUCTURAL PLANS

TUSLO MEETING 11-13 JUNE 2024

## **BUILDING BLOCK STRATEGY**

#### **BLOCK 1: ANTI-AUSTERITY ACTION.**

Providing inputs, idea and actions that promote reforms and policy priorities in national plans that aim at social progress and upward convergence of working and living conditions, in opposition to austerity-driven reforms.

## CK 2: INVESTMENTS FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND QUALITY JOBS.

Providing inputs for investments using as criteria sustainability, employment creation and quality jobs, in opposition to criteria that gives priority to fiscal sustainability.

## BLOCK 3: TRADE UNION INVOLVEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING.

Establishing plans and solidarity measures to ensure that trade union involvement is ensured at European level and with equal opportunities for all ETUC member in all member states.

## TRADE UNION INVOLVEMENT

- STEP A. SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST TO BE CONSULTED AT EARLY STAGE DURING THE DRAFTING OF
  NATIONAL PLANS
- STEP B. BEING TIMELY IN PROVIDING COORDINATED INPUTS FOR NATIONAL PLANS
- STEP C. BULDING TRADE UNION INPUTS

## TRADE UNION INVOLVEMENT

- the ETUC proposes a tool for its members to get oriented amid a large number of EU programmes that contribute to these 4 policy areas.
- A ETUC-crafted search engine will suggest policy/investment options amid about 700 possibilities selected from the main programmes that contribute to the 4 EU main policy areas above. In this way, ETUC members (coordinated by TUSLO) can start building their set of proposals using a framework that is common to all EU Countries.

## **COORDINATED INPUTS**

- As matter of coordination we suggest to be more specific in areas in which we have decided to focus our common efforts on:
- labour market inclusiveness and achievement of Porto targets on employment.
- Just transition measures, including the Porto's targets on education and skills
- Adequacy of social protection, including Porto's target on poverty reduction

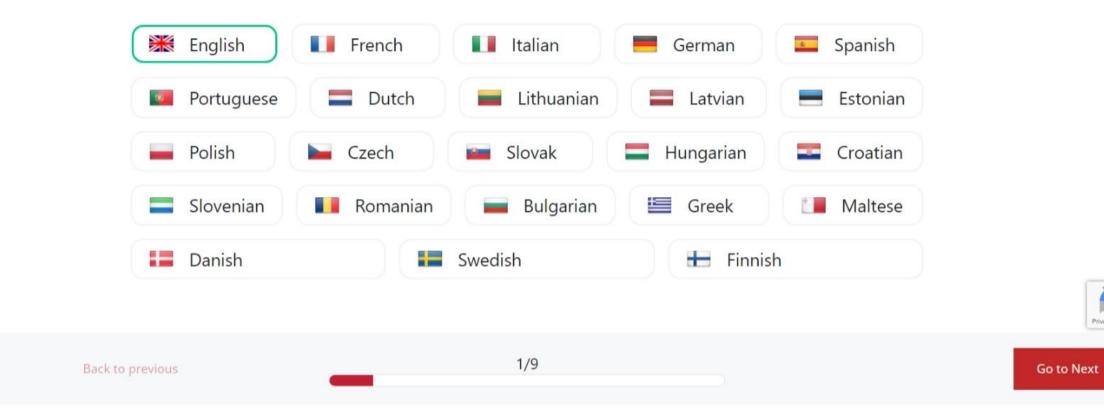
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- As matter of coordination, the ETUC proposes minimum coordination requirements for 2 areas of work
- Social investments, building on the exercise made by the Spanish and Belgian Presidencies and DG employment (see guidelines)
- Progressive taxation, building on ETUC priorities for progressive taxation that supports more solidarity in labour and social protection policies (see guidelines).



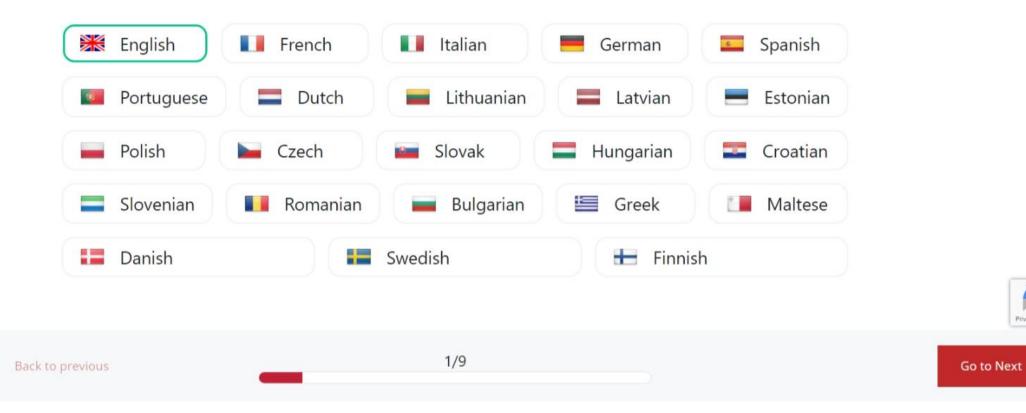
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# Investment for sustainable growth, social progress and job creation. Trade union inputs.

Your government is deciding what investments are needed by your country for the next 4 or 7 years (Mid-term Fiscal-Structural Plans submitted to the EU Commission by 20th September 2024). Please list the investments that you consider an absolute priority for your country. The Government will chose fiscal-sustainability as main criteria. European trade unions have decided to priorites investments that lead to job creation, quality jobs and sustainable growth.





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	Open Strategic Autonomy - EU CHIPS ACT			
	Access to Markets: Investment in Initiatives to help Mits access domestic and International markets is crucial for expanding their business geophranities. This includes funding for expanse promotion for participation in trade fairs and business missions.			
	Recovery and resilience - SME Support			
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	Recovery and resilience - SME Support			
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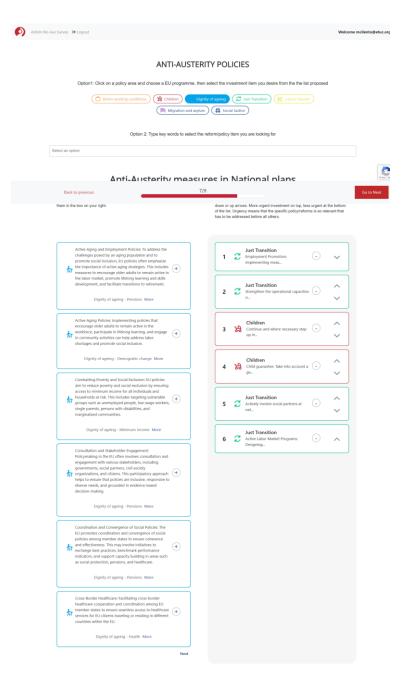


#### Investment priorities

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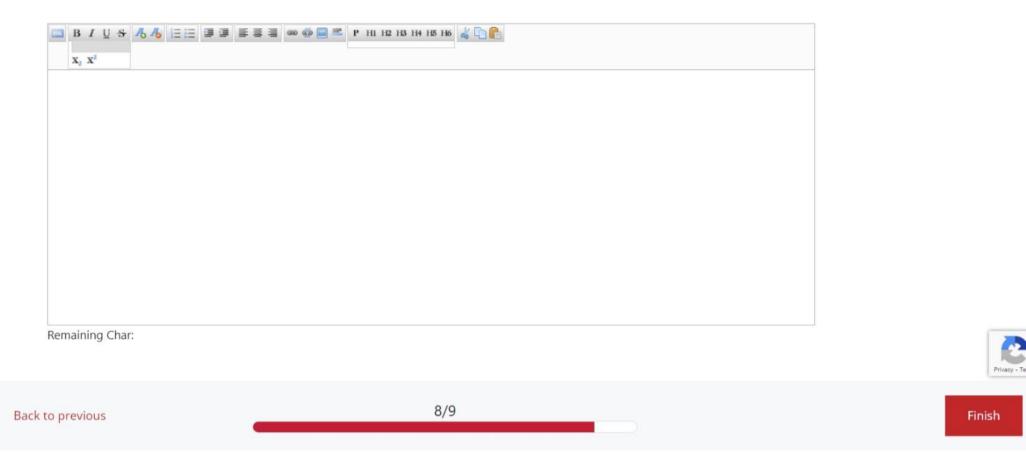






#### Anti-Austerity measures in National plans

Please, use this box to add policy/reform items that are not in the list or to provide narrative of the investment effort needed by your government, explaining, for instance, how to finance them.



# STEP A. SUBMISSION OF A REQUEST TO BE CONSULTED AT EARLY STAGE DURING THE DRAFTING OF NATIONAL PLANS

## SUBMIT DEMAND TO GOV ON THE 21st

- reforms and investment in Mid-Term Fiscal Structural Plans (from now on: national plans), asking that a first meeting will take place immediately after the presentation of fiscal trajectory by the EU Commission
- Copy in: DG Employment and ETUC

## IN the letter to Govs

- Gouvernements position vis-à vis the fiscal trajectory as proposed by the Commission
- Counterproposals made to the European Commission, including the possibility to extend the plan from 4 to 7 years.
- Social implications of the envisaged fiscal trajectories, especially those related to cost of ageing
- Investment list, those frontloaded and specific reference to social investments
- Reforms and measures in the social field.

### STEP B. BEING TIMELY IN PROVIDING COORDINATED INPUTS FOR NATIONAL PLANS

## TU INPUTS -

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ALL ETUC MEMBER PREPARE A RESOLUTION?

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