

EUROPEAN SEMESTER TOOLKIT

INPUTS FOR MID-TERM FISCAL-STRUCTURAL PLANS

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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. BUILDING 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

COORDIANATED INPUTS

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 - 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 prioritises investments that lead to job creation, quality jobs and sustainable growth.



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

Option 1: Click on a policy area and choose a EU programme, then select the investment item you desire from the list proposed

- EU Common Goods
- Green Deal
- Open Strategic Autonomy
- Recovery and resilience
- Social Investment
- Sustainable development goals

Option 2: type key words to select the investment items you are looking for

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Please, select the investments that you consider a priority and drag them in the box on your right.

Please, use this box to break down investments by urgency, using the down or up arrows. More urgent investment on top, less urgent at the bottom of the list. Urgency means that the specific investment is so relevant that has to be addressed before all others.

Access to Finance: Investment in initiatives to improve access to finance for SMEs is crucial for supporting their growth and resilience. This includes funding for loan guarantee schemes, venture capital funds, and microfinance programs to help SMEs overcome financing constraints.

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Recovery and resilience - SME Support

Access to Finance: Provision of financing mechanisms, grants, or tax incentives to support semiconductor companies, startups, and research institutions in developing and commercializing innovative chip technologies.

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Open Strategic Autonomy - EU CHIPS ACT

Access to Markets: Investment in initiatives to help SMEs access domestic and international markets is crucial for expanding their business opportunities. This includes funding for export promotion programs, market intelligence services, and support for participation in trade fairs and business missions.

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Recovery and resilience - SME Support

Access to Public Procurement: Investment in measures to improve SMEs' access to public procurement contracts can help stimulate their growth and competitiveness. This includes funding for initiatives to simplify procurement procedures, reserve contracts for SMEs, and provide assistance to SMEs bidding for public contracts.

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Recovery and resilience - SME Support

Access to Resources: Investment in initiatives to improve SMEs' access to resources, such as raw materials and energy, is crucial for ensuring their long-term viability. This includes funding for resource efficiency measures, waste reduction programs, and support for SMEs to adopt circular economy principles.

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Recovery and resilience - SME Support

Active Ageing and Long-Term Care: Investment in policies and services to support active ageing, promote independent living, and ensure quality long-term care for elderly citizens. This might include funding for age-friendly environments, community care services, and caregiver support programs.

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Social Investment - European Pillar of Social Rights

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Investment priorities

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ANTI-AUSTERITY POLICIES

Option 1: Click on a policy area and choose a EU programme, then select the investment item you desire from the list proposed

- [Better working conditions](#)
[Children](#)
[Dignity of ageing](#)
[Just Transition](#)
[Labour Market](#)
[Migration and asylum](#)
[Social Justice](#)

Option 2: Type key words to select the reform/policy item you are looking for

Anti-Austerity measures in National plans

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them in the box on your right. down or up arrows. More urgent investment on top, less urgent at the bottom of the list. Urgency means that the specific policy/reforms is so relevant that has to be addressed before all others.

Active Aging and Employment Policies: To address the challenges posed by an aging population and to promote social inclusion, EU policies often emphasize the importance of active aging strategies. This includes measures to encourage older adults to remain active in the labor market, promote lifelong learning and skills development, and facilitate transitions to retirement.

Dignity of ageing - Pensions More

Active Aging Policies: Implementing policies that encourage older adults to remain active in the workforce, participate in lifelong learning, and engage in community activities can help address labor shortages and promote social inclusion.

Dignity of ageing - Demographic change More

Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion: EU policies aim to reduce poverty and social exclusion by ensuring access to minimum income for all individuals and households at risk. This includes targeting vulnerable groups such as unemployed people, low-wage workers, single parents, persons with disabilities, and marginalized communities.

Dignity of ageing - Minimum income More

Consultation and Stakeholder Engagement: Policymaking in the EU often involves consultation and engagement with various stakeholders, including governments, social partners, civil society organizations, and citizens. This participatory approach helps to ensure that policies are inclusive, responsive to diverse needs, and grounded in evidence-based decision-making.

Dignity of ageing - Pensions More

Coordination and Convergence of Social Policies: The EU promotes coordination and convergence of social policies among member states to ensure coherence and effectiveness. This may involve initiatives to exchange best practices, benchmark performance indicators, and support capacity building in areas such as social protection, pensions, and healthcare.

Dignity of ageing - Pensions More

Cross-Border Healthcare: Facilitating cross-border healthcare cooperation and coordination among EU member states to ensure seamless access to healthcare services for EU citizens traveling or residing in different countries within the EU.

Dignity of ageing - Health More

1 **Just Transition**
Employment transition: Implementing meas...

2 **Just Transition**
Strengthen the operational capacities o...

3 **Children**
Continue and where necessary step up in...

4 **Children**
Child guarantee: Take into account a gr...

5 **Just Transition**
Actively involve social partners at nat...

6 **Just Transition**
Active Labor Market Programs: Designing...

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Anti-Austerity measures in National plans

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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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