

CONSULTATION OF SOCIAL PARTNERS ON THE REVIEW OF THE EU SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE

SOME GUIDING QUESTIONS

Please note that the aim of these questions is only to guide your reply.

It does in no way pre-empt the result of the discussion on the review.

During this consultation phase, any ideas and suggestions on the review are welcome.

1. **In your view, how does sectoral social dialogue perform at EU level at present?** *Please identify three strengths and three areas for improvement, and explain them. Where do you see the value-added of sectoral social dialogue?*
2. **What are the main challenges that sectoral social dialogues faces at present (structurally and beyond the Covid-19 crisis)? What do you think are the main challenges that sectoral social dialogue will be confronted with in the years to come?** *Do you consider the current form of EU sectoral social dialogue as fit for meeting these challenges?*
3. **Can the contribution of EU sectoral social dialogue to EU policy-making be improved? If yes, please explain how.** *Please give your opinion on the overall involvement of sectoral social partners in EU policy-making in the past 5 years. What have been social partner achievements in terms of shaping EU policies? What challenges have you encountered? What needs to be done to address these challenges in the future - by social partners and/or the Commission, as applicable? Please support your opinion with concrete examples.*
4. **Can the outcomes and impact of EU sectoral social dialogue be strengthened? If yes, please explain how.** *Please give your opinion on the outcomes achieved in EU sectoral social dialogue – in terms of the volume, their implementation and impact on improving working conditions, occupational health and safety and other challenges at the workplace (local and national level). What challenges have you encountered, in particular in negotiating and concluding more and better social partner agreements? How do you plan to address them in the future? Please support your opinion with concrete examples.*
5. **Can the organisation of sectoral social dialogue be modernised and aligned to structural trends and new economic developments and contribute to a future-proof sectoral social dialogue? If yes, please explain how.** *In your opinion, is the current structure of committees (SSDC) efficient and relevant in view of the current economic model and labour market? Is it flexible enough to adapt to new trends/changes and future proof? In what ways would you reform the set-up? How would you adapt the working methods and tools?*
6. **In your view, how the Commission should organise its support for sectoral social dialogue to achieve the above objectives?** *In your opinion, is the current system of, in principle, equal support to all Committees appropriate or should it be replaced by a system of a more targeted support? In case of the latter, which criteria should be used for a possible more targeted support?*