

# Rise in in-work poverty shows need for action on minimum wages and collective bargaining

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The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) has highlighted the growth in in-work poverty across Europe in support of its call for a strong and effective directive on minimum wages and collective bargaining. Sixteen countries saw the rate increase between 2010 and 2018 with Hungary, the UK, Estonia and Italy seeing the largest rises. The figures come from the latest annual ETUI/ETUC *Benchmarking Working Europe 2020* report which also shows that just four member states have statutory minimum wages above the at-risk-of-poverty wage threshold. ETUC demands for the directive include a minimum threshold for statutory minimum wages, guarantees that all workers are covered and action on strengthening collective bargaining rights particularly through public procurement.

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