

Reports examine collective bargaining developments

Europe

New reports from the [International Labour Organisation](#) (ILO) and [Eurofound](#) research agency analyse developments in collective bargaining in the light of the pandemic and other important drivers of change. The ILO report provides an overview of developments in collective bargaining during the pandemic, focusing on seven countries – Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Belgium. The report argues that the role of strong sectoral collective bargaining institutions was particularly important, allowing sectoral actors to negotiate specific responses considering the impact and the needs of the sector. Public sector negotiations in each country are covered in some detail with specific analyses on the impact of health and social care workers. The Eurofound report focuses mostly on the private sector in 10 EU member states and investigates practices and innovations that have emerged in response to structural drivers such as technological change, decarbonisation and climate-neutrality policies, and workforce ageing.

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