

Minimum wages across Europe

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A new book examines how minimum wages work across Europe. It looks at the statutory systems that apply in 18 of the 25 European Union states, explaining how they have developed and the process of increasing minimum wages rates each year. The book also investigates the systems of minimum wages in collective agreements that are the basis of regulation in the Scandinavian countries as well as Austria. The book includes an overview of minimum wage systems across Europe and a proposal from researchers in Germany, France and Switzerland for co-ordinating minimum wages, both statutory and negotiated, around targets based on average earnings.

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