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In reacting to this year's draft country-specific recommendations the ETUC has expressed disappointment that the European Commission remains reluctant to give any real encouragement to increased wages. ETUC general secretary Bernadette Ségol said: "The Commission continues to overlook the fact that wages in a twenty three member states are lagging behind productivity. The Commission fails to identify, or react to, the redistribution from wages to profits. Europe needs a wage rise for fairness and to increase demand, mainly by strengthening collective bargaining." [Read more at > ETUC/CES (EN/FR)-

><http://www.etuc.org/press/country-specific-recommendations-2015-eu-needs-increase-wages#.VVXdSSjaAul>]

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