

Anti-crisis shield - during the video conference "Solidarnosc" submitted several important demands

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During the consultations that took place yesterday (19 March) between the government and social partners on the "anti-crisis shield", Piotr Duda on behalf of "Solidarity" made several important demands. - The government welcomed them favourably, we hope that they will be included in the final statutory provisions - summed up the President of the Union. "Solidarity" postulates, among others extending, or rather adjusting the time of payment of additional care allowances for the time of closing schools and educational institutions. It also expects this benefit to be extended to carers of children with disabilities up to the age of 21. - We also applied for income tax relief for benefits paid by trade unions to its members and for benefits from the company social benefit fund - said Piotr Duda. It is also necessary to extend the validity of periodic examinations and mandatory OHS training by 6 months, which are necessary to allow the employee to work. - At the moment, nobody is doing such research and training, and many employees are running out of qualifications at that time - the head of "Solidarity" explained. "Solidarity" also allows the extension of the working time settlement period to 12 months in connection with the Covid 19 coronavirus epidemic, but in the case of a representative trade union functioning in the company by agreement, and if there is no such union, it is necessary to report such a fact to the State Labor Inspectorate. Piotr Duda assessed that the government welcomes these proposals. Whether this happens will turn out when the social partners are presented with detailed statutory provisions. These are expected to appear tomorrow, i.e. on Friday, March 20.

Coronavirus: The fate of artists must be taken care of!

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Social partners in the entertainment and media sector called on governments to take emergency measures to support people working in the live performance industry. In response to an epidemic that is spreading around the world, several governments have announced emergency measures to ban large human gatherings. Among them is the Polish government. On March 12, 2020, a joint position of the unions: UNI-MEI, the International Federation of Musicians (FIM), the International Federation of Actors (FIA) and Pearle * - an organization representing over 10,000 live performance managers and employers in Europe - was issued in this matter. The sectoral social partners emphasize that without adequate support measures these decisions will have devastating economic and social consequences for the live performance sector, as many live events and concert tours are suddenly canceled. Regardless of whether we are dealing with employees or self-employed people, those who have often been in a precarious economic situation before are facing sudden and dramatic loss of income. FIM, FIA, UNI-MEI and Pearle * therefore call on all governments to adopt emergency measures that can properly support the sustainable development of the live performance sector in this exceptional situation, protect the safety of cultural workers, but also their livelihoods. Exceptional measures should be identified and implemented, and financial resources allocated as soon as possible to mitigate the negative effects of sudden losses of income. - This is also a problem in Poland - emphasizes Barbara Surdykowska from the Expert Bureau of the NSZZ

Solidarity Trade Union. - Many actors, musicians, artists from various fields are employed on very precarious terms, often in a way that does not guarantee any protection in the event of a sudden cancellation of the performance. Often, their form of employment does not guarantee the right to sickness benefit. Urgent actions are needed to provide them with temporary support - adds the expert. bs

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