



Republic of Bulgaria  
ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

## **ESC ACTIVITY PLAN 2022**

### **I. Development and adoption of opinions of the Economic and Social Council (ESC) upon the proposal of:**

#### **1. The President of the Republic of Bulgaria**

Term: permanent

#### **2. The Chairman of the National Assembly**

2.1. Analysis on “Impact of Bulgaria’s accession to the euro area on the economic development, inflation and incomes in the country”

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group I, Group II and Group III

Commission on Macroeconomics, Budget and Finance

Commission on Labour, Income, Living Standard and Industrial Relations

Commission on Economic Policy

#### **3. The Council of Ministers**

3.1. Opinion on “Drafting an opinion on the scope and the adequacy of the Social Support Code. Risks and challenges to introducing an integrated approach for support”

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group I, Group II and Group III

Commission on Social Policy

Commission on Labour, Income, Living Standard and Industrial Relations

Commission on Macroeconomics, Budget and Finance

3.2. Analysis on the topic of “Analysis of the current state of wages in Bulgaria - conclusions and recommendations”

Term: 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group I, Group II and Group III

Commission on Labour, Income, Living Standard and Industrial Relations

Commission on Social Policy

Commission on Macroeconomics, Budget and Finance

## **II. Development and adoption of acts on issues of the economic and social policy.**

1. Opinion “Income inequalities in Bulgaria: Economic policies and prevention”

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group II, Group I.

Commission on Labour, Income, Living Standard and Industrial Relations

Commission on Macroeconomics, Budget and Finance

2. Opinion “Territorial Just Transition Plans - Objectives, Challenges and Expected Effect. National Investment Plan for Financing the Modernization Fund”

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group II, Group III and Group I

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture, Environment and Regional Policies

Commission on Labour, Income, Living Standard and Industrial Relations

3. Opinion on the National Plan for the Introduction of the Euro

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group I, Group II, Group III

Commission on Macroeconomics, Budget and Finance

4. Opinion on the implementation of the Strategy for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises

Term: 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group I

Commission on Economic Policy

5. Opinion on the Strategic Plan for Agricultural and Rural Development for the Programming Period 2023 – 2027

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group III

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture, Environment and Regional Policies

Commission on European Policies and European Process

6. Opinion on the reform of the social assistance system

Term: 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group II and Group III

Commission on Social Policy

Commission on Labour, Income, Living Standard and Industrial Relations

7. Opinion “Policies and measures for increasing the awareness and readiness of the Bulgarian enterprises to successfully implement a climate-neutral transformation”

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group I and Group II

Commission on Economic Policy

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture, Environment and Regional Policies

8. Opinion on the European Commission’s “Fit for 55” legislative initiative in the Bulgarian context

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group I, Group II and Group III

Commission on Economic Policy

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture, Environment and Regional Policies

9. Opinion on the updated version of the Partnership Agreement

Term: 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group I, Group II and Group III

Commission on European Policies and European Process

10. Opinion on the National Recovery and Resilience Plan

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group I, Group II and Group III

Committee on Macroeconomics, Budget and Finance

11. Opinion on the ratification of ILO Convention № 190/2019 for eliminating violence and harassment in the world of labour

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group II, Group I and Group III

Commission on Social Policy

12. Opinion “National objectives and priorities for fair energy transition in the Energy Strategy of Bulgaria until 2030 with horizon to 2050”

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group II, Group I and Group III

Commission on Economic Policy

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture, Environment and Regional Policies

13. Opinion “Improving the prevention of accidents at work and occupational diseases”

Term: 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group II and Group I

Commission on Labour, Income, Living Standard and Industrial Relations

14. Opinion “Directive on adequate and fair minimums wages: plan and guidelines for its implementation in Bulgaria”

Term: after the Directive adoption / indicative 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group II, Group I and Group III

Commission on Labour, Income, Living Standard and Industrial Relations

Commission on European Policies and European Process

15. Analysis of the possibilities for protection of workers and employees signaling irregularities (measures similar to measures laid down in the Directive 2019/1937, but for applying safeguards in evidence of undeclared work outside the Directive)

Term: 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group II

Commission on Labour, Income, Living Standard and Industrial Relations

16. Opinion “Labour migration in Bulgaria - trends and needs”

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group I, Group II and Group III

Commission on Labour, Income, Living Standard and Industrial Relations

17. Opinion “Social Climate Fund - challenges and perspectives”

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group II and Group III

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture, Environment and Regional Policies

18. Opinion on the National Plan for Development of Organic Farming

Term: 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group III

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture, Environment and Regional Policies

19. Resolution on the Draft Law Amending and Supplementing the Law on Domestic Violence Protection, published on the Public Consultation Portal on 13.01.2021

Term: 1<sup>st</sup> half of the year

Rapporteur: Group III

Commission on Social Policy

20. Analysis of the participation of young people in the decision-making processes in Bulgaria and in the EU, including with a focus on “green” solutions and digitalization

Term: 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year

Speaker: Group II and Group III

Commission on European Policies and European Process

**III. Organization of consultations, discussions, conferences, round tables, seminars with representatives of the legislative and executive powers and structures of civil society on publicly significant issues on economic and social development.**

1. Discussions and consultations on economic and social issues.

Term: permanent

2. Discussion on the status of the registered social enterprises to the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy under the Law on Enterprises of Social and Solidarity Economy. Compliance by employers with the quota principle for employing people with disabilities under the Law on People with Disabilities (LPD) and taking measures to comply with and control the provisions of the LPD in order to create employment for people with disabilities.
3. Organization of a joint event with the Economic, Social and Environmental Council of France and the embassy of the Republic of France in Sofia under the patronage of the French Presidency of the Council of the EU.
4. Holding an event/discussion on the proposal of women's organizations in the ESC, Group III.

#### **IV. Interinstitutional cooperation**

1. Maintaining relations and information exchange with the Presidency, the National Assembly and the Council of Ministers.

Term: permanent

2. Joint activities and initiatives with employers' and workers' organizations, and other structures of the organized civil society.

Term: permanent

3. Cooperation with the organized civil society structures, not represented in the ESC in preparing the draft acts of the Council and holding events organized by the ESC.

Term: permanent

#### **V. International activity of the Economic and Social Council**

1. *Cooperation with the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)*. Term: permanent

1.1. Developing and widening cooperation with the EESC.

- 1.2. Participation of ESC members and representatives of its administration in conferences, discussions, initiatives, meetings and other forms of cooperation organized by the EESC.
- 1.3. Development of joint activities with the EESC regarding the development of analyzes and opinions, organization of joint conferences, discussions and others.
- 1.4. Participation in the Annual Meeting of the Presidents and Secretaries-General of the national ESCs and similar institutions of the EU and EESC.

*2. Development of bilateral and multilateral cooperation with the national ESCs and other similar national and international institutions.*

Term: permanent

- 2.1. Exchange of information and good practices.
- 2.2. Joint activity regarding the development of common documents and organization of joint conferences, discussions and etc.
- 2.3. Organization of mutual visits with other national ESCs and similar institutions.
- 2.4. Participation of ESC members and representatives of its administration in conferences, meetings and other forms of cooperation organized by national ESCs and other similar national and international institutions.
- 2.5. Participation in the activities and initiatives of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions.
- 2.6. Participation in the meetings and work of the EUROMED initiative
- 2.7. Maintaining contacts and cooperation with other similar national and international institutions.

## **VI. Institutional development**

1. Election of members of the ESC permanent commissions.  
Term: in accordance with the ESC Rules of Procedure
2. Changes in the rules of procedure of the ESC.  
Term: in accordance with the ESC Rules of Procedure