

ACTION PLAN

for 2023

I. Development and adoption of opinions of the Economic and Social Council by proposal of:

1. The President of the Republic of Bulgaria
Term: permanent
2. The Chairman of the National Assembly
Term: permanent
3. The Council of Ministers

Opinion on the Draft Law Amending and Supplementing the Law on Vocational education and training

united with

Opinion on the necessity for introduction and possible approaches for implementation in the national practice of Council Recommendation on individual learning accounts and on the Council Recommendation on a European approach to micro-credentials for lifelong learning and employability

Term: *first half of the year*

Rapporteur: *Group I and II*

Commission on Labour, Incomes, Standards of Living and Industrial Relations

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

ACTS ON HORIZONTAL SUBJECTS:

1. Resolution of the ESC regarding Bulgaria's membership in the Eurozone
Term: *second half of the year*
Rapporteur: *vice-presidents*
Presidents Board

2. Analysis of the main macroeconomic and fiscal parameters in Bulgaria for the period 2015 - 2022: medium-term budget forecast and GDP structure
Term: *second half of the year*
Rapporteur: *Group I and II*
Commission on Macroeconomics, Budget and Finances

3. Resolution on the NRRP (National Recovery and Resilience Plan)
Deadline: *second half of the year (September)*
Rapporteurs: *the Vice-presidents*
Presidents Board

4. "Analysis of convergent and cohesion processes and challenges"
Deadline: *fourth quarter of the year*
Rapporteur: *Group II*
Commission on European Policies and the European Process

PRIORITY "THE EUROPEAN GREEN PACT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF BULGARIA:

5. Opinion on "Strategic documents in the field of energy - guaranteeing the balanced development of capacities and just green transition".
Term: *first half of the year*
Rapporteurs: *Group I and II (commission members)*

Temporary Commission

6. Analysis of the topic of "Problems and challenges facing the free electricity market. Causes of the energy crisis and measures to overcome it"

Term: *first half of the year*

Rapporteurs: *Group I and II (commission members)*

Temporary Commission

7. Opinion on the National Plan for the Development of Organic Production 2030.

Term: *first half of the year*

Rapporteurs: *Group III*

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture,
Environment and Regional Policies

8. Opinion on "Viable and sustainable rural areas in Bulgaria in the context of the long-term vision of the EU"

Term: *first half of the year*

Rapporteurs: *Group III*

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture,
Environment and Regional Policies

PRIORITY "TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION AND DIGITALISATION OF THE ECONOMY AND SOCIETY":

9. Digital Bulgaria: policies, measures and challenges (*including for Industry 4.0*)

Term: *second half of the year*

Rapporteurs: *Group I and II*

Commission on Economic Policy

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture,
Environment and Regional Policies

10. Opinion on "The role of artificial intelligence in the management of human capital and working conditions of those working through digital platforms in Bulgaria" (COVID-19 - catalyst of digital transformation in Bulgaria)

Term: *second half of the year*

Rapporteur: *Group II and I*

Commission on Labour, Incomes, Standards of Living and
Industrial Relations

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture,
Environment and Regional Policies

PRIORITY "THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS (EPSR) - THE EUROPEAN PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE EPSR AND ITS PROJECTION FOR THE FIRST NATIONAL PLAN OF BULGARIA"

11. Opinion on "The European strategy for the provision of care - guidelines for the application thereof in Bulgaria"

Term: *first half of the year*

Rapporteur: *Group II and III*

Commission on Social Policy

12. Opinion on "Approaches to preparing an action plan to promote collective bargaining in Bulgaria"

Term: *first half of the year*

Rapporteur: *Group I and II*

Commission on Labour, Incomes, Standards of Living and
Industrial Relations

Commission on European Policies and the European Process

13. Opinion on "Energy, water and transport poverty - specifics of the manifestation and measures to overcome these"

Term: *second half of the year*

Rapporteur: *Group II and III*

Commission on Social Policy

Commission on Sustainable Development, Agriculture,
Environment and Regional Policies

14. Comparative analysis of European practices for wage indexation in the private sector

Term: *second half of the year*

Rapporteur: *Group I and II*

Commission on Labour, Incomes, Standards of Living and
Industrial Relations

Commission on European Policies and the European Process

15. Analysis of the integration of people with disabilities in the labour market - measures, incentives and challenges

Term: *second half of the year*

Rapporteur: *Group III and I*

Commission on Social Policy

Commission on Labour, Incomes, Standards of Living and
Industrial Relations

16. Opinion "Review of the national system for ensuring healthy and safe working conditions in Bulgaria"

Term: *fourth quarter*

Rapporteur: *Group II*

Commission on Social Policy

17. Analysis of the informal and grey economy - effects on labour and the budget.
Recommendations for the formalisation thereof.

Term: *fourth quarter*

Rapporteur: *Group I and II*

Commission on Labour, Incomes, Standards of Living and
Industrial Relations

Commission on Macroeconomics, Budget and Finances

18. Opinion on "Ensuring decent work in supply chains: equal pay for work of equal added value."

Term: *fourth quarter*

Rapporteur: *Group II and I*

Commission on Economic Policy

Commission on Labour, Incomes, Standards of Living and
Industrial Relations

19. Opinion on "Inclusion and support for the resilience of the civil sector during crisis situations"

Term: *second half of the year*

Rapporteur: *Group III*

Commission on European Policies and the European Process

20. Opinion on " Measures of good mental health "

Term: *second half of the year*

Rapporteur: *Group I and II*

Commission on Social Policy

- III. Organisation of consultations, discussions, conferences, round tables, seminars and other forms with representatives of the legislative and executive authorities and civil society structures on socially significant issues of economic and social development.**

Discussions and consultations on economic and social issues.

Term: permanent

1. Organisation of a discussion on the topic dedicated to the joining of Bulgaria to the Eurozone and 6 regional discussions on this topic.

Term: *during the year*

2. A series of discussions on the main priorities of the ESC: the Eurozone, the green deal, digitalisation and the social topic, with the presentation of all acts on the topics.
3. Organization of a conference jointly with the EESC on disinformation on the topic "Organized civil society against disinformation" with the subtitle - "Open democratic debate".

Term: *first half of the year*

4. Organizing a discussion with representatives of the legislative and executive authorities and the structures of organized civil society:
 - 4.1. Discussion dedicated to the subject of skills in the context of the European Year of Skills upon the proposal of the Speaker of the 49th National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Term: *second half of the year*

5. Jubilee conference dedicated to the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the ESC.

Deadline: *December*

IV. Inter-institutional cooperation

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

Term: permanent

2. Joint activity and initiatives with employer organisations, worker and employee

organisations and other structures of organised civil society.

Term: permanent

3. Cooperation with structures of the organised civil society, not represented in the ESC in the preparation of draft acts of the Council and conducting events organised 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. Development and expansion of 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 activity with the EESC in connection with the development of analyses and opinions, organization of joint conferences, discussions, etc.

1.4. Participation in the annual meeting of the presidents and general secretaries of the national ESC and related institutions of the EU countries and the EESC.

2. *Development of bilateral and multilateral cooperation with national ESC and other related national and international institutions.*

Term: permanent

2.1. Exchange of information and good practices.

2.2. Joint activity in connection with the development of common documents and the organisation of joint conferences, discussions and other forms.

2.3. Organisation of mutual visits with other national ESC and related institutions.

- 2.4. Participation of ESC members and employees of its administration in conferences, meetings and other forms of cooperation organised by national ESC and other related national and international institutions.
- 2.5. Participation in the work and initiatives of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and related institutions.
- 2.6. Participation in the meetings and work of the "EU - Mediterranean Area" (EUROMED) initiative.
- 2.7. Maintaining contacts and cooperation with other related national and international institutions.

VI. Institutional development

1. Election of members of the permanent commissions of the ESC.
Term: permanent
2. Changes in the regulations for the activity of the ESC.
Term: permanent