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## **EMPLOYERS SUPPORT RENEWED ROLE FOR SOCIAL PARTNERS IN ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE**

At a meeting between the European Council and the European social partners today, BUSINESSEUROPE, CEEP and UEAPME will confirm their approval of a Declaration negotiated within the European social dialogue in order to adapt the role of social partners to the renewed European economic governance processes.

For employers, involvement in discussions on policies affecting employment and labour markets at the different stages of the European semester – Annual Growth Survey, National Reform Programmes and Country Specific Recommendations – is particularly important.

Employers also underline that social partner involvement in the European economic governance processes must be timely and meaningful: it must not delay the semester process. This should take place in the context of existing structures.

European economic governance processes are of great importance to promote growth and jobs. The aim is to improve the coordination of national policies and reforms, creating a virtuous circle between economic, financial and social objectives. In this context, European and national social partners have a key role to play and for this reason we hope that the ETUC will be ready to approve this joint declaration in the near future.

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