



ASSESSMENT OF INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY RECOMMENDATIONS BY EACH MEMBER FEDERATION

Q1: For each country specific recommendation Member Federations were asked to answer whether it is 1: extremely important; 2: Important; 3: Helpful (but not a priority); 4: Irrelevant; 5: Contrary to federation's advice;

Q2: For each recommendation, Member Federations were asked to answer whether government's efforts to implement it were: 1: Excellent, 2: Satisfactory; 3: Mixed; 4: Unsatisfactory; 5: no progress observed.

N.B.: Federations in countries under financial assistance commented on recommendations made by the Troika in Economic Adjustment Programmes; Non EU countries commented on recommendations made by the OECD

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	To what extent do you agree with these statements:		Detailed comments
1.	The National Reform Programme submitted by your Government (April 2015) is appropriate	To some extent	
2.	The Commission's country specific recommendations for your country are appropriate.	Yes absolutely	
3.	The Commission assessment of reform implementation the year before is appropriate.	Yes absolutely	
4.	The Commission assessment of excessive imbalances (in-depth review) is appropriate.	Yes absolutely	

Assessment of Country Specific recommendations 2015 in detail

		Q1 : The recommendation is	Q2 : implementation on effort is :	Detailed comments
CSR 1	Avoid deviating from the medium-term budgetary objective in 2015 and 2016. Ensure the budget neutrality of the tax reform aimed at reducing the tax burden on labour. Correct the misalignment between the financing and spending responsibilities of the different levels of government. Take measures to ensure the long-term sustainability of the pension system, including by earlier harmonisation of the statutory retirement age for men and women, and link the statutory retirement age to life expectancy.	Extremely important	Mixed	
CSR 2	Strengthen measures to increase the labour market participation of older workers and women, including by improving the provision of childcare and long-term care services. Take steps to improve the educational achievement of disadvantaged young people.	Extremely important	Mixed	
CSR 3	Remove disproportionate barriers for service providers and impediments to setting up interdisciplinary companies.	Important	Mixed	
CSR 4	Address the potential vulnerabilities of the financial sector in terms of foreign exposure and insufficient asset quality.	Extremely important	Mixed	

Reform Progress in your Member State in 2015

How would you assess reform progress in 2015, for the following broad areas:

Taxation and Public Finances	Mixed
Business environment (regulation/access to markets)	Mixed
Labour market	Mixed
Innovation and skills	Mixed
Access to finance and Financial stability	Mixed

Reform priorities for 2016

	I. Policy Area	II. Concrete Recommendations	III. Are the proposed recommendations already in the agenda of your Government?
Priority 1	Quality of fiscal institutions and budgetary framework	Reform of the Financial Equalisation Framework	yes
Priority 2	Pension and health care reforms	additional Pension Reform needed	no
Priority 3	Consolidation of public expenditures	tighter consolidation of public expenses	no
Priority 4	Labour market mismatch and labour mobility	must also address the Migrant crisis	yes
Priority 5	Tax reforms	payroll taxes must be reduced	yes