

**SPRING 2020 REFORM BAROMETER – ESTONIA**

**European Semester - Overall assessment of 2019 cycle**

	<b>To what extent do you agree with these statements:</b>		<b>Detailed comments</b>
1.	The National Reform Programme submitted by your Government (April 2019) is appropriate.	To a large extent	Many ongoing activities, but no significant new reforms
2.	The Commission's country specific recommendations for your country are appropriate.	To a large extent	
3.	The Commission assessment of reform implementation the year before is appropriate.	To some extent	
4.	The Commission assessment of excessive imbalances (in-depth review) is appropriate.	Yes absolutely	

### Assessment of Country Specific recommendations 2019 in detail

		Q1: The recommendation is:	Q2: implementation on effort is:	Detailed comments
CSR 1	Ensure that the nominal growth rate of net primary government expenditure does not exceed 4,1 % in 2020, corresponding to an annual structural adjustment of 0,6 % of GDP. Ensure effective supervision and the enforcement of the anti-money-laundering framework.	Important	Mixed	Government has promised structural balance, but suggesting tax changes and kinder social services instead of structural reforms
CSR 2	Address skills shortages and foster innovation by improving the capacity and labour market relevance of the education and training system. Improve the adequacy of the social safety net and access to affordable and integrated social services. Take measures to reduce the gender pay gap, including by improving wage transparency.	Important	Unsatisfactory	
CSR 3	Focus investment-related economic policy on sustainable transport and energy infrastructure, including interconnections, on fostering research and innovation, and on resource and energy efficiency, taking into account regional disparities.	Extremely important	Unsatisfactory	

## **Reform Progress in your Member State in 2019**

How would you assess reform progress in 2019, for the following broad areas:

<b>Taxation and Public Finances</b>	Satisfactory
<b>Business environment (regulation/access to markets)</b>	No progress
<b>Labour market</b>	No progress
<b>Innovation and skills</b>	Unsatisfactory
<b>Access to finance and Financial stability</b>	No progress

## Reform priorities for 2020

	I. Policy Area	II. Concrete Recommendations	III. Are the proposed recommendations already in the agenda of your Government?
<b>Priority 1</b>	R&D and Innovation	1) Support and promote cooperation between R&D institutions and companies, 2) develop adequate educational system (including implementation of OSKA programme) and promote lifelong learning, 3) create professional, trustworthy and stable public governance to support RDI investments	No
<b>Priority 2</b>	Labour market mismatch and labour mobility	Simplify hiring foreigners and create strategy to attracting talents	No
<b>Priority 3</b>	Public sector efficiency	Public sector reform in order to raise efficiency (incl. Education and health care system)	No
<b>Priority 4</b>	Business Environment - Regulatory barriers to entrepreneurship	1) Reduce administrative burden, 2) create professional, trustworthy and stable public governance	No
<b>Priority 5</b>	Tax reforms	1) Avoid increasing tax burden and complexity, 2) lose minimum social security tax obligation on part time work, 3) introduce social security contribution tax ceiling, 4) lose fringe benefit on employers' spending on employees health care	No