

SPRING 2020 REFORM BAROMETER – UNITED KINGDOM

European Semester - Overall assessment of 2019 cycle

	To what extent do you agree with these statements:		Detailed comments
1.	The National Reform Programme submitted by your Government (April 2019) is appropriate.	To some extent	
2.	The Commission's country specific recommendations for your country are appropriate.	To some extent	
3.	The Commission assessment of reform implementation the year before is appropriate.	To a large extent	
4.	The Commission assessment of excessive imbalances (in-depth review) is appropriate.	To a large extent	

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 1,9 % in 2020-2021, corresponding to an annual structural adjustment of 0,6 % of GDP.	Important	Satisfactory	
CSR 2	Focus investment-related economic policy on research and innovation, housing, training and improving skills, sustainable transport and low carbon and energy transition, taking into account regional diversity.	Extremely important	Satisfactory	

Reform Progress in your Member State in 2019

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

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

Reform priorities for 2020

	I. Policy Area	II. Concrete Recommendations	III. Are the proposed recommendations already in the agenda of your Government?
Priority 1	R&D and Innovation	Widening the scope of the R&D tax credit	Yes
Priority 2	Tax reforms	Reform to the business rates regime, avoid unilateral action such as the Digital Services Tax	Yes and No
Priority 3	Business Environment - Regulatory barriers to entrepreneurship	Strengthening the British Business Bank	Yes
Priority 4	---	---	---
Priority 5	---	---	---
