

Austria

1. National Recovery and Resilience Plans

Question 1	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way your country is implementing the national recovery and resilience plan?	Neutral
Question 2	How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the involvement of social partners in the implementation so far of your national recovery and resilience plan?	Neutral
Question 3	How effective do you think the European Commission is being in ensuring strong implementation of the reforms in the national recovery and resilience plans across the EU?	Somewhat confident

2. Assessment of Country Specific recommendations 2022 in detail

		Q1: The recommendation is:	Q2: implementation on effort is:	Detailed comments
CSR 1	In 2023, ensure that the growth of nationally-financed current expenditure is in line with an overall neutral policy stance, taking into account continued temporary and targeted support to households and firms most vulnerable to energy price hikes and to people fleeing Ukraine. Stand ready to adjust current spending to the evolving situation. Expand public investment for the green and digital transition and for energy security, including by making use of the RRF, RePowerEU and other EU funds. For the period beyond 2023, pursue a fiscal policy aimed at achieving prudent medium-term fiscal positions. Ensure the adequacy and fiscal sustainability of the long-term care system. Simplify and rationalise fiscal relations and responsibilities across layers of government and align financing and spending responsibilities. Improve the tax mix to support inclusive and sustainable growth.	Important	Mixed	
CSR 2	Proceed with the implementation of its recovery and resilience plan, in line with the milestones and targets included in the Council Implementing Decision of 13 July 2021. Swiftly finalise the negotiations with the Commission of the 2021-2027 cohesion policy programming documents with a view to starting their implementation.	Important	Mixed	
CSR 3	Boost labour market participation of women, including by enhancing quality childcare services, and improve labour market outcomes for disadvantaged groups.	Important	Satisfactory	

		Q1: The recommendation is:	Q2: implementation on effort is:	Detailed comments
CSR 4	Reduce overall reliance on fossil fuels, and diversify imports of fossil fuels, by accelerating the deployment of renewable energy and of the necessary infrastructure, notably by simplifying planning and further streamlining permitting procedures, and enhancing energy efficiency, in particular in the industry and building sectors, and diversifying energy supplies as well as increasing flexibility and reverse flow capacity of interconnections.	---	---	

3. Reform Progress in your Member State in 2022

How would you assess reform progress in 2022, for the following broad areas:

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

Is there any example of an economic reform, specific to your country that BusinessEurope could highlight in its 2023 Reform Barometer?

4. Reform priorities for 2023

	I. Policy Area	II. Concrete Recommendations	III. Are the proposed recommendations already in the agenda of your Government?
Priority 1	Labour market mismatch and labour mobility		yes
Priority 2	Making work-pay : interplay of tax and benefit system		no
Priority 3	Pension and health care reforms		no
Priority 4	Consolidation of public expenditures		yes
Priority 5	Quality of fiscal institutions and budgetary framework		yes