



The Social Protection Committee

The Secretariat

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Strategic Social Reporting 2013

Guidance

1. Introduction

At its February meeting (20-21 February 2013) the SPC agreed on the main reporting deliverables for 2013 (see SPC/2013.02/3) and asked the Secretariat to adjust the complementary questionnaire. This complementary questionnaire can be used by all Members to report on a social protection reform launched or agreed in their countries since the National Social Report 2012.

Member States which have reported reforms as part of the country surveillance on the implementation of 2012 Council recommendations do not need to repeat the same information in the questionnaire. They are invited to mark 'please see reporting tables'.

Concerning the in-depth questionnaire on selected social benefits (design and conditionality), the Secretariat checked the available information and sources and concludes that at this stage there is no need for further reporting from Member States.

Member States are invited to consult the national stakeholders according to their national practice before submitting their Strategic Social Reporting **by 30 April 2013**.

2. Complementary questionnaire

1. What are the challenges your country faces in the areas of competence of the social OMC?

Please address aspects related to adequacy, access, sustainability, quality as well as involvement of stakeholders in the design, implementation and monitoring of policy.

Please quote for each policy area below the estimated expenditure for 2013 and refer, where relevant, to tables 2a and 7 of the Stability and Convergence Programme

1.1 Social inclusion

1.2 Pensions

1.3 Health

1.4 Long-term care

2. What reforms (legislative or other) did your country take or will take in 2013 to address the above-mentioned challenges?

Please report in this section on measures to maintain the capacity of social protection system to perform their welfare functions as per Council Conclusions (28.02.2013)

Please explain the content of the reform by giving details about its justification (why was it needed?), its measures and their expected budgetary and policy effect. Please also report on whether ex-ante social impact assessment have been done or are planned and whether a consultation process with the social partners and NGO(s) has taken place or is planned.

If reforms related to these areas have been reported in the NRP or through the CSR multilateral surveillance process, MS are asked to only include a reference to the NRS or the respective CSR Self-reporting tables which will be used as the source of information.

2.1 Social inclusion

Please put a particular focus on benefits and services reforms related in particular to active inclusion, addressing child poverty and improving children's opportunities, homelessness and housing exclusion. In doing so, please emphasize relevant aspects related to efficiency and effectiveness (including adequacy, administrative simplification including one-stop-shops, take up and targeting), to the balance between universal and means tested benefits, gender inequality, as well as to the further development of access to enabling services with a strong social investment dimension (such as education, early childhood education and care, healthcare, basic payment account, internet, and transport).

2.2 Pensions

For Member States which did not report a pension reform in the context of the country surveillance on implementation of 2012 Council recommendation, please explain the measures of the pension reform with particular emphasis on adequacy and sustainability. Where relevant, explain how the measures support the increase of effective retirement age or of the statutory retirement age (if relevant). Please give an estimation of the impact of the reform on the sustainability of public finances.

2.3 Health and long-term care

Please explain the main features of the reforms by paying particular attention to (if relevant) measures affecting the financing of the system and the delivery of services. Where relevant, please give details about measures taken to contain health care costs by examining separately the measures applying at primary health care services, hospital services and long-term care. Please also indicate what measures are planned by the new reform to improve access to and quality of services.