

## OPINION

### **OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA VIA THE COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND OVERSIGHT OF THE EUROPEAN FUNDS ON A PROPOSAL FOR A DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL ON ADEQUATE MINIMUM WAGES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION**

At a regular session held on 13 January 2021, the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds (CEAOEF) in the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria considered the above-mentioned Proposal for a Directive.

Following the discussion on the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on adequate minimum wages in the European Union, CEAOEF expresses the following opinion to be forwarded to the European institutions:

1. **CEAOEF welcomes the European Commission's initiative** to draft a directive to contribute to the implementation of Principle 6 of the European Pillar of Social Rights, improving the protection for workers in the European Union, but also the protection for the businesses from unfair competition.
2. **CEAOEF considers** that the Proposal for a Directive **complies with the principle of subsidiarity** as set out in Article 5, paragraph 3 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU).
3. **CEAOEF acknowledges that the proposal raises doubts about the compliance with the principle of proportionality** as set out in Article 5, paragraph 4 of the TEU, as this proposal may create a prerequisite for changes to the national regulations and practices of the Member States with a statutory minimum wage. This would increase the administrative burden in the above-mentioned countries compared to the Member States with collective bargaining systems. To the extent that the costs are not commensurate with the expected result, the proposal would go beyond what is necessary to achieve the objectives of the act.
4. **CEAOEF supports the European Commission's efforts** to improve the adequacy of the minimum wages and to expand the access of the EU workers to minimum wage protection.

5. **CEADEF** expects the considerations on increasing the administrative burden for the countries referred to in item 3 of this opinion to be taken into account when adopting the Directive.