# European Semester Compass

# Questionnaire on the 2018 Country reports

The Eurodiaconia Secretariat is conducting a short survey on your assessment of the 2018 Country Reports. Based on your feedback we will compile a report assessing this year’s Country Reports, which will be shared with the responsible Directorate Generals (DGs) and Country Desks in the European Commission.

The Country Reports are key documents of the European Semester process and provide an in-depth analysis of the economic performance of each Member State, including issues such as employment and social policies. Throughout the last two years and in particular since the launch of the European Pillar of Social Rights, the European Semester takes more into account the social challenges of the Member States.

**We need you! Let us know if, according to your experience, the Country Reports cover sufficiently the most urgent social challenges in your countries.** We would like to have your opinion, which is based on your experience working with people in need in your country or region. Therefore, please take the time to carefully read your Country Report, which you can find [here](https://ec.europa.eu/info/publications/2018-european-semester-country-reports_en) in English and your national language, and respond to the questionnaire below before the **31 March.**

Please send your response to our Policy Assistant Stefan: Stefan.kitzmann@eurodiaconia.org or our Policy Officer Anne-Sophie: anne-sophie.wislocki@eurodiaconia.org**.** Please do not hesitate to contact us for further guidance on the survey or if you prefer to respond to the questions on the phone.

1. **General Information:**

Your name

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Name of the organisation

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Contact details (email, office phone number)

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1. **Please have first a look at the executive summary of your Country Report:**
2. According to you, does it include the most important social challenges in your country?

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1. Which social issues/challenges that you see in your daily work, are missing in the executive summary?

**Looking at chapter “economic situation and outlook”:**

1. According to your experience, do you feel that this chapter reflects well the economic and social situation in your country? If not, why? What is missing?

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**Concerning the chapter “progress with country-specific recommendations”:**

1. Do you share the Commission’s analysis concerning the implementation of your country’s Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs)? If you disagree with one or several points, please explain why.

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**Moving onwards to the chapter “Reform Priorities”.**

**Section “Public finances and taxation”**

1. Is there a section on pensions and healthcare? Is the issue adequately addressed?

**Section “labour market, education and social policies”**

1. Do you agree with the Commission’s assessment in this section? Is something missing or misrepresented? Please explain.

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1. If you have made recommendations to the European Commission for the Country Reports, do you feel that this section takes into account the aspects that you highlighted?

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1. **European Pillar of Social Rights**

Are the following principles addressed in your Country Report? (Yes/No)

Education, Training and life-long learning

Equal opportunities (including for migrants or minorities)

 Active support to employment

 Children (including child poverty)

 Social Protection

 Unemployment benefits

 Minimum Income

 Old age income and pensions

 Health care

 Inclusion of people with disabilities

 Long-term care

 Housing and assistance to the homeless

 Access to essential services

Comments:

1. **Others**
2. Which three Country Specific Recommendations would you like to European Commission to make to your government?
3. Do you have any other comment on the Country Reports?