



## Reminder:

### What the European Semester is and what you can do!

The European Semester is an annual cycle of policy coordination which the European Commission uses to analyse EU Member States' economic and budgetary policy and to provide recommendations for future reforms. It is important for us because it is meant to support Member States in achieving the targets of Europe2020, and can have a serious impact on poverty and social exclusion policies.

*Please help us use the full potential of the European Semester to foster a more social Europe by 2020!*

#### **Key dates of the 2019 European Semester Process**

21 November 2018

#### **Annual Growth Survey and Autumn Package**

- Analyse what the proposal means to your specific area of expertise (i.e. do you agree? is there something missing?).

27 February 2019

#### **Country Reports**

- Provide feedback on the accuracy of the Reports to Eurodiaconia and the European Semester Officer (ESO).
- Use observations made in the Country Report, where possible, to corroborate your concerns and recommendations towards your national government.

24 April 2019

#### **National Reform Programmes (NRPs)**

- Get involved in the stakeholder consultation at national level ahead of the publication
- React on your country's NRP once it has been issued

29 May 2019

#### **draft Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs)**

- Analyse the (draft) CSRs for your country and comment on their appropriateness to Eurodiaconia and to your country's representatives at the Social Protection Committee (SPC) and Employment Committee (EMCO)

July 2019

#### **Final Country Specific Recommendations (CSRs)**

- Send your assessment and support to specific recommendations to your government and the European Semester Officer (ESO)
- Monitor and assess how the CSRs are implemented

We regularly publish information and reports on these different stages of the European Semester. You will also find in-depth analyses as well as interviews with some of our members, giving tips & tricks on how to reach out to your governments. You can find them [here](#).

Furthermore, we have developed a specific toolkit on the European Semester, where you have access to all information on the European Semester and how to take action. Check it out [here](#).

It can also be interesting to have a look at our general [Advocacy Toolkit](#) or at the [European Semester Alliance Toolkit](#).

