

Industrial relations and social dialogue
**Working life in the
COVID-19 pandemic 2021**



This publication consists of individual country reports on working life in 2021 for the 27 EU Member States and Norway. The country reports summarise the evidence on the impact of the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic on working life, based on national research and survey results. The reports cover several topics. They outline the policy responses of governments and the social partners to cushion the socioeconomic effects of the pandemic. They describe how workplaces adapted and how they implemented a return to work. They explore the impact of the pandemic on social dialogue and collective bargaining, and they record the labour disputes within Member States in 2021.

Please note that there is no consolidated report on working life in the EU in 2021.

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This publication includes individual country reports on working life during 2020 for 29 countries – the 27 EU Member States, Norway and the United Kingdom. The country reports summarise first evidence on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on working life based on national research and survey results. It discusses the policy responses of governments and social partners in their efforts to cushion the socioeconomic effects and includes a focus on policy areas that have been accelerated or disrupted due to the crisis. Finally, the reports explore the impact of the pandemic on industrial action, working time and wages.

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