



CITUB position on the approved by the EC ‘Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of a European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE)’.

CITUB calls on the Bulgarian State to immediately make available to the European Commission the necessary guarantees for the operation of the SURE scheme as soon as possible!

We welcome the efforts made by the European Commission to introduce SURE and hope that clear guidelines will be adopted soon to recommend that Member States establish short-time, part-time or similar schemes in each country to ensure that all workers and companies are covered. We recall that the SURE scheme under discussion is aimed at preventing widespread unemployment and deep recession.

CITUB emphasizes the fact that the social partners at national level should be involved in developing and implementing the establishment of all short-term employment measures or similar schemes to be implemented with the support of the SURE instrument, so as to ensure coverage of all workers and companies through these schemes.

We also stress that putting SURE in place should not mean that plans for a European Unemployment Reinsurance Scheme are abandoned. A permanent scheme is still needed to protect Europe from future crises.

CITUB supports the ETUC's requests to the European Commission, which is asked to provide through SURE that:

- All Member States put in place short-time work or similar measures;
- Such measures cover all workers, sectors and companies;
- Payments are made to companies that avoid dismissals;
- Social Partners are fully involved in the designing and implementation of the schemes, at national, sectoral and company level.

In view of the above, CITUB calls on the Government of Bulgaria to support the adoption of a **‘Proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of a European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE) following the outbreak of COVID-19’**, because it will create a very important tool for workers in Europe, especially if it quickly becomes operational and reaches all workers in all Member States.