



## **86 large and medium-sized enterprises affected by the crisis, there are almost no redundancies in those with trade unions**

86 SMEs have been hit by the crisis so far. They employ over 46 245 employees. This shows a survey of CITUB as of April 21 carried out among the regional structures of CITUB throughout the country, on social tensions in companies and agencies for the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The total number of observed enterprises is 114.

The data analysis shows that in the large enterprises and budget organizations in which there are trade unions, with few exceptions, no redundancies have been undertaken at this stage. This is mainly due to the ongoing social dialogue and the opportunities negotiated through collective agreements and shows the benefits of having such agreements in difficult situations like the present one.

Workers' redundancies or upcoming ones are reported in 13% of the companies. In 78% of the enterprises, workers are on paid leave and in 26% - on unpaid leave.

The most affected businesses (outside restaurants, hotels, tourism and cafeteria) are in the water and sewerage sector, light industry, automotive, transport (mainly domestic) and manufacturing industries. The military industry and the woodworking sector are also affected. There are increasing problems in the budget sector as well. The most affected workers are in the cities of Kazanlak, Blagoevgrad, Dobrich, Stara Zagora, Dimitrovgrad, Vratsa, Sliven, Gabrovo, Razlog, Bansko, followed by Burgas, Varna and Haskovo.