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REPORT

From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Premanent Representatives Committee/Council
Subject:	Contribution on employment and social policies aspects of the country-specific recommendations: Recommendations on the 2023 national reform programmes to each Member State - Approval

In the context of the 2023 European Semester process, the Commission submitted the proposals for Country-Specific Recommendations (as listed in document 9900/23) to the Council on 24 May 2023.

The 27 documents (one for all Member States) were examined by the relevant committees (EMCO, SPC, EPC, EFC/EFCA). Certain issues of horizontal substance were also examined in joint meetings, with the aim of ensuring the consistency of the recommendations across the Member States.

The texts of the draft recommendations for each Member State, as resulting from the Committees' discussions, are set out in doc. 9901/23.

Regarding the organisation of work at Council level, full consideration has been given to the cross-cutting issues to be discussed in both Council formations, (EPSCO and ECOFIN).

Coreper is invited to examine the draft Recommendations set out in the country documents listed in doc. 9901/23, with a view to enabling the Council (EPSCO) to approve the contribution on employment- and social policy- related aspects of the draft Council Recommendations for each Member State.

The Country-Specific Recommendations will be submitted to the European Council for endorsement at its meeting on 29 - 30 June 2023.

Finally, the ECOFIN Council will approve Conclusions on the 2023 in-depth reviews under the Macroeconomic Imbalance Procedure on 14 July 2023 and will adopt the integrated country-specific Recommendations.
