



EFBWW Standing Committee Wood/Furniture/Forestry

Videoconference 22 September 2020, 9:00 to 12:00

Item 5 : COVID-19 Disease and its impact in our countries/sectors

Short description on the national situation and in the wood/furniture/forestry sector. The reports will be compiled and send back to the participants. They shall give a structured overview on the situation and serve as basis for the discussion in the SC Wood. We may use them for the EFBWW webpage too. Therefore, we ask you to write not more than 10 lines for each question.

Please complete this survey and return it to info@efbww.eu before 10 September.

Country: Netherlands

Union: fnv

Sectors concerned: Bouw, Meubel en Hout

Survey completed by: CvdV

1. What is the current situation on COVID19 in your country (maximum lines)

NL is experiencing a smaller second wave with infection rates on the rise since early august. The government in consultation with the social partners rolled out the most extensive rescue and recovery operation ever, which is aimed at job retentions. The economy took a hit but not as much as in other countries.

2. What are the consequences for the wood and furniture sectors?

Very diverse, sectors like yachting growth, exhibitions services almost all in bankruptcy, Pallets and other wood working sectors small increase.

3. Which measures will be taken to support the sector?

Employers can get 90% of the wages costs if they have a drop of more then 20% in turn-over and maintain the workforce, about 40% of the SME have applied for this.

4. Are there any negotiations or specific joint action of the social partners in our sectors?

Not yet, negotiations are hindered by the uncertainties.

5. Other aspects of importance you like to report on?

no