



## 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](mailto:info@efbww.eu) before 10 September.

**Country: Denmark**

**Union: CO/3F Industry**

**Sectors concerned: Furniture, kitchen, doors and windows, sawmill**

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

**With the beginning of the fall, the infection rate of corona virus is going up, but in different variable local areas. The authorities are reacting with fast response local or more nation-wide depending on the current situation.**

**All in all, the industry has done well, especially the sector who provides the building industry: kitchen, doors and windows and rafters. But it is very different from company to company.**

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

Covid-19 is expected to have some impact on the part of salary that can be negotiated at local company level.

At the beginning of the pandemic, there was a tendency that companies would not sign new apprentices' contracts. Compared with the first six months of 2019, there has been a decrease of new apprentices' contracts in the first six months of 2020 of 37% for cabinetmakers, 22% for building-joiner and 16% for machine-joiner. This is not only because of the pandemic, but there is no doubt that Covid-19 has a major impact on the decrease.

Companies have focused more on E-trading and promoting.

We are still waiting for the export market to increase.

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

Tripartite agreements about e.g. salary compensation has in some cases been extended.

Also, agreements about workers sharing work, so they split between e.g. one week at work and one week on unemployment benefits is used to avoid dismissals.

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

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

How the companies are affected by the pandemic is very different from company to company, some are doing very well and are hiring, while other companies are dismissing employees.

Everyone is looking with some anxiety towards the future.

There is no doubt that we do not know the impact of the pandemic yet, and this short report must be a here and now snapshot.