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# **Our demands for a European framework on minimum wages**

## **A Greens/EFA position paper**

**We need a European framework directive** setting thresholds for decent adequate minimum wages in the Member States.

The EU already acts indirectly on wages, due to the European Economic Policy and its impact. We are facing a downward pressure on labour markets, wage setting and the economy, creating unfair wage competition. In-work poverty is a big problem in Europe. If we want a social Europe, we need to make sure everyone earns a wage you can live on - a living wage.

In this period of covid-19, the labour market is severely impacted and Europe must show its ambition for social progress by effectively fighting against precariousness and in-work poverty. It is up to us to maintain a political debate, beyond the technical debate.

Decent minimum wages can be a tool that allows Europe to progress and promote prosperity between member states rather than competition and a race to the bottom. It is a tool in the fight against unfair competition and wage dumping.

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