

# INFORMATION CALENDAR

## PAST EVENTS

**11.01** → BIA held a meeting with representatives of the branch organizations on the CITUB proposal that **branch structures** (according to Art. 36, Para 8 of the Labor Code) **of the representative organizations of employees and employers negotiate the amount of minimum wages by economic activities and qualification groups**. In case agreements are reached, they are provided to the Government for implementation through the adoption of a normative act applicable to all. **BAMI did not support this proposal** due to lack of legislative obligation and little coverage of sectoral bargaining by sectors.

**13.01** → **Regular meeting of the Contact Working Groups on employers' and trade unions' side** was held for **negotiations and signing of the Branch Collective Labour Agreement**. New texts related to changes in the Labor Code were adopted - regarding the duration of overtime work for one calendar year, which should not exceed 300 hours.

**21.01** → Online meeting with presentations and discussions on the first three handbooks developed within the project Active Aging took place: Handbook for managing generation differences, Handbook for mentors on techniques for the transfer of knowledge and experience between generations and handbook for adapting workplaces and activities to the specific needs and capabilities of people with chronic diseases. During the meeting the participants discussed the presented documents, expressed their opinions and gave recommendations to the developing teams.

**26-27.01** → An online meeting of company representatives in the CWG for preparation and negotiations for the conclusion of BKT "Metallurgy" was held for **coordination of the financial parameters** proposed by the trade unions. They were presented to the social partners at a regular meeting held on 27.01 and postponed for consideration during the next one, which will be held on February 24, 2021 from 11.00 o'clock, personally and online at the office of TU Metalicy (Sofia 1000, Macedonia Square 1, floor 16).

**28.01** → Following a proposal from the recycling and metallurgical industry, BIA sent a letter to the Council of Ministers, the Ministry of Environment and Water and the Ministry of Economy for changes in **Ordinance 1/2014** (in connection with **Regulation 1013/2006**) and extension of the RIEW notification period for **cross-border transport of non-hazardous waste**. The affected industries insist on meeting the deadlines for notification and reducing the administrative burden on business.

## EUROPEAN UNION

**01/2021** → The EC is conducting a **public consultation on the review the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS)**, which ends on 5 February. According to the aims announced by the EC, this review is made to ensure the neutral impact on climate change by 2050 and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 compared to 1990. BAMI sent Eurofer and Eurometaux positions to the Ministry of Environment and Water, Ministry of Economy and all Bulgarian MEPs for information and support.

**22.01** → The European Commission has published the text of the **Comprehensive Investment Agreement between China and the EU**. The agreement was being prepared for more than six years and will grant European companies better access to Chinese markets and will also help to restore the balance of economic ties between the EU and China. You can find the Agreement on the EC website:

<https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=2237>