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Trade union involvement in tackling the effects of the crisis on the employment

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Agenda

1. The COVID-19 crisis of (un)employment

2. Employment policy responses

3. Trade union involvement in finding solutions

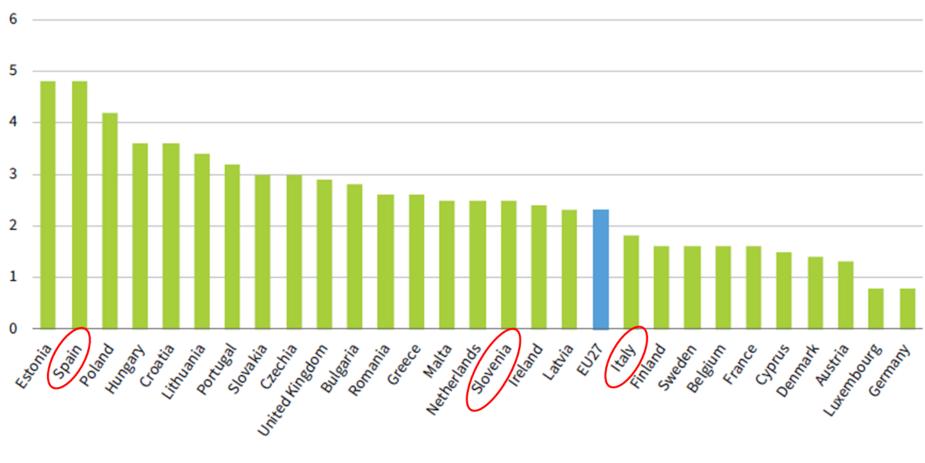




1. THE COVID-19 CRISIS OF (UN)EMPLOYMENT

Projected rise in unemployment in 2020

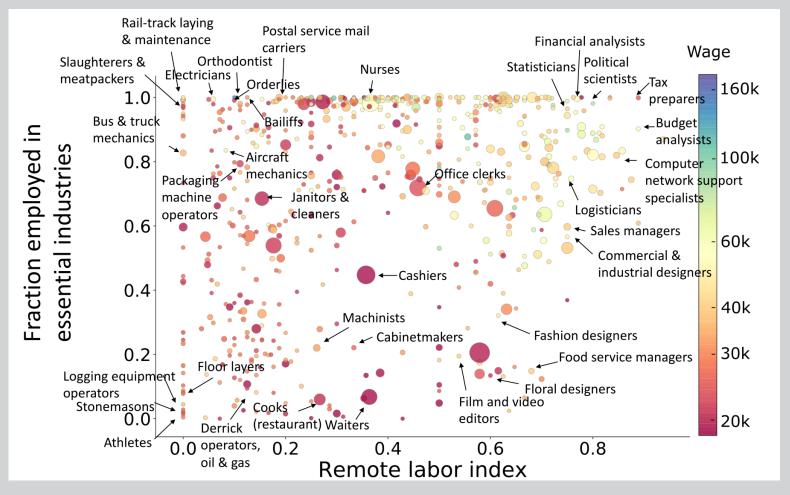
in percentage points



Source: European Commission and Eurofound 2020.



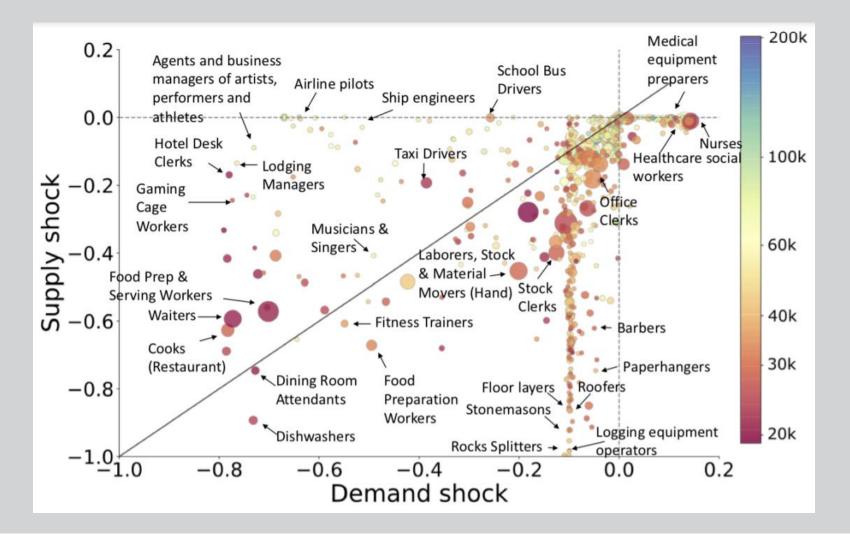
Occupations resilience to COVID-19 is uneven





Source: Rio-Chanona et. al 2020.

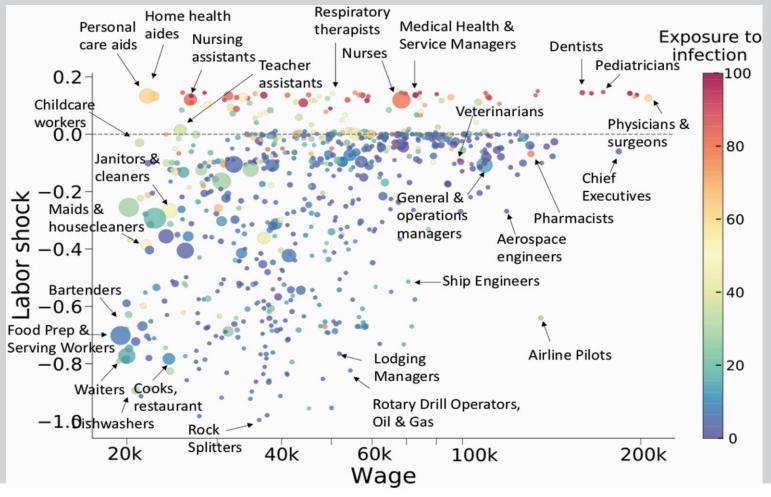
Occupations are affected unevenly





Source: Rio-Chanona et. al 2020.

Lower paid jobs are most affected

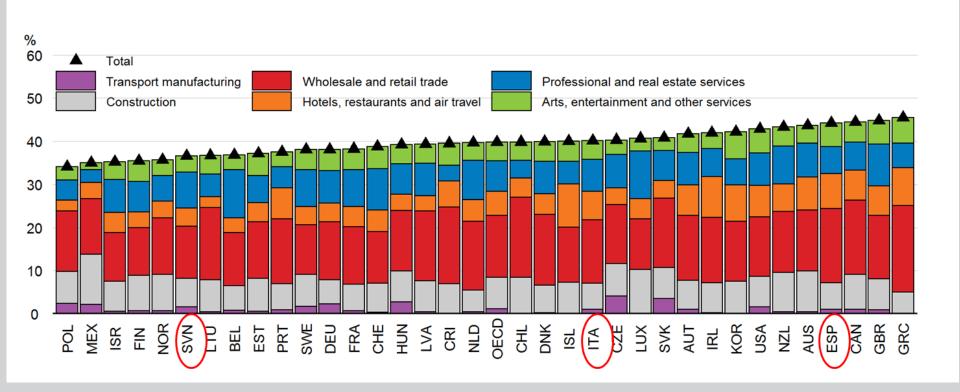




Source: Rio-Chanona et. al 2020.

Employment in activities most affected by containment measures

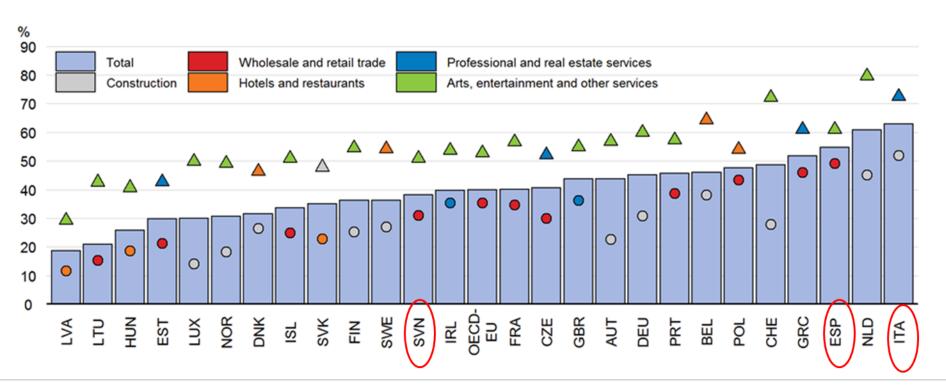
% of total employment, 2018 or latest available year





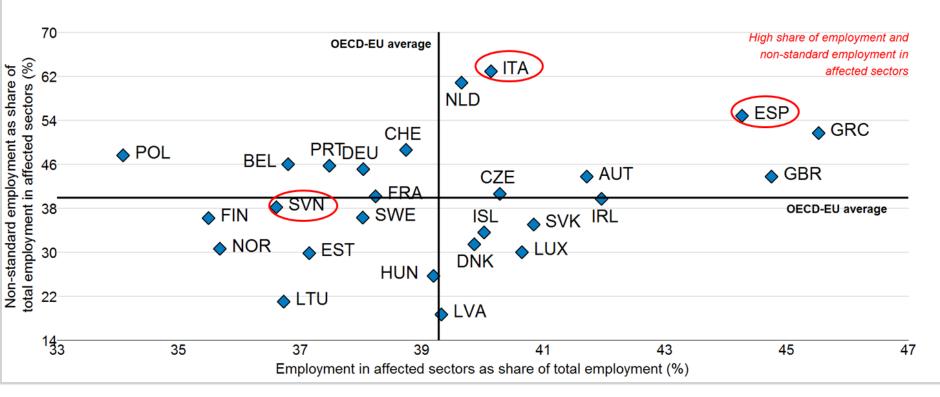
Non-standard workers in activities most affected by containment measures

% of employment in respective sectors, 2018





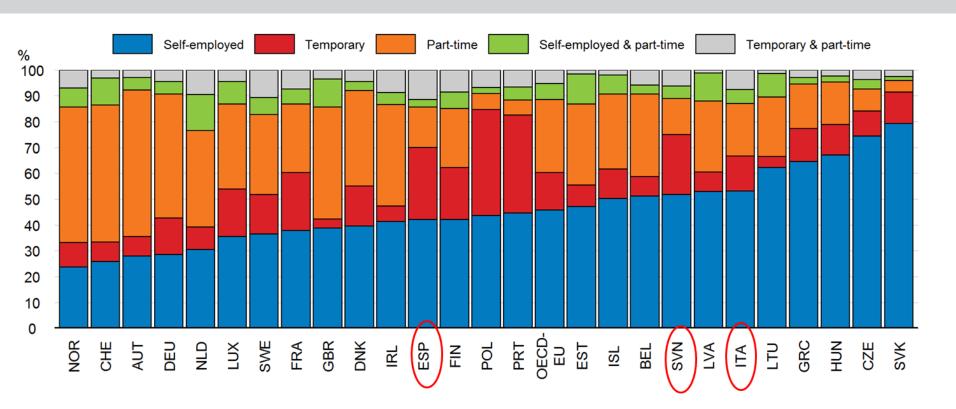
Total employment and non-standard employment in activities most affected





Composition of non-standard workers

% of non-standard employment in affected sectors, 2018

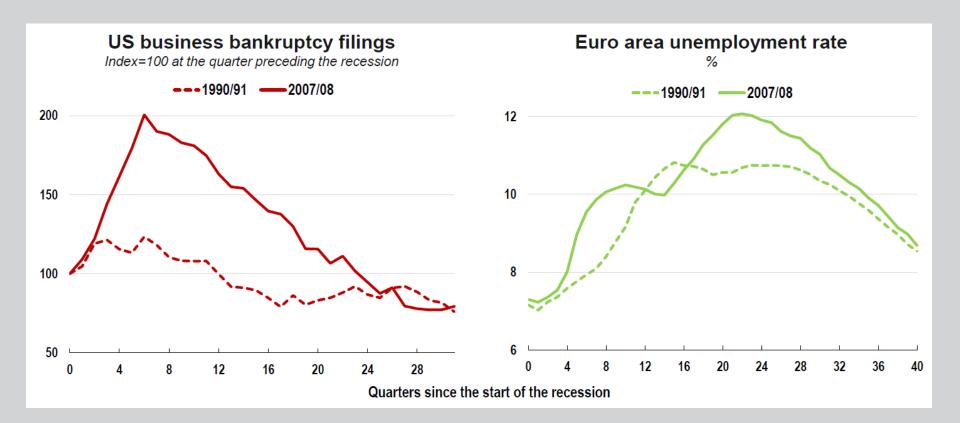


Source: OECD Economic Outlook 2020.



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Limit Bankruptcies and Unemployment



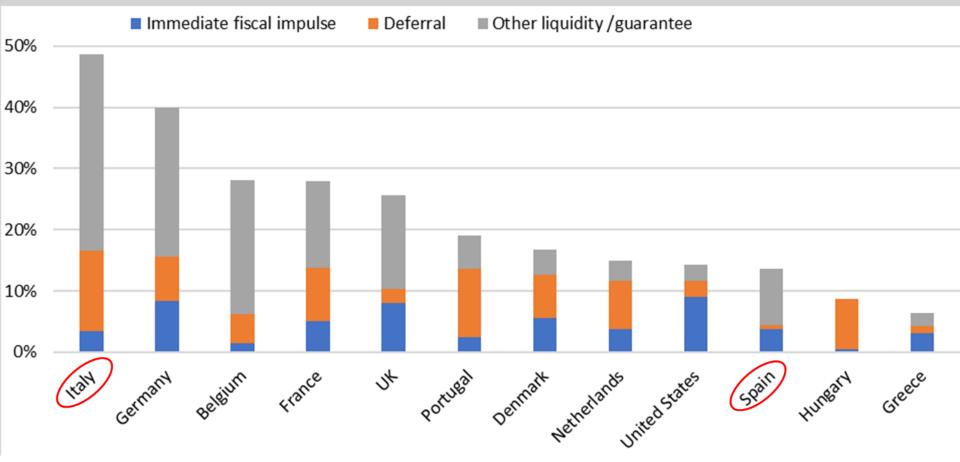


Source: OECD Interim Economic Outlook 2020.



EMPLOYMENT POLICY RESPONSES

Discretionary 2020 fiscal measures adopted in response to coronavirus



Source: Bruegel 2020.



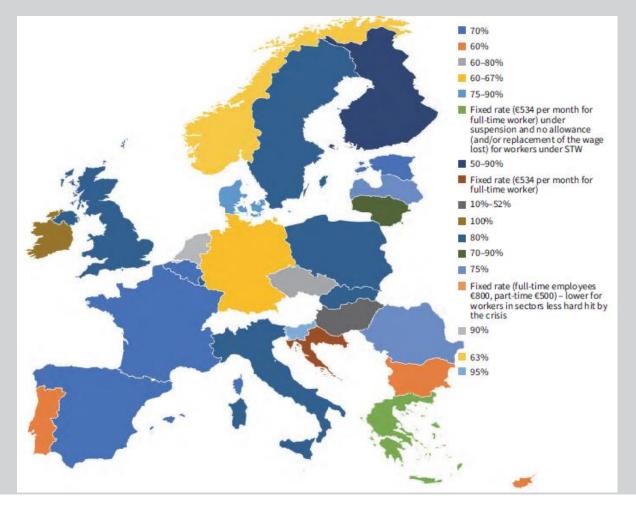
Policies to support non-standard workers

	Access to sick leave		Income replacement and support					
			Self-employed		Temporary/Part-time workers			Informal workers
	Self-employed	Temporary / part-time workers	Access to unemployment benefits	Exceptional income support ¹	Access to unemployment benefits ²	Access to short-time Work	Wage subsidy	Income suppor
Australia	0	0	•	•			•	
Austria	•	•	0		•	•		
Belgium	•	•	0	•	•	•		
Canada	0	•	0	•			•	
Chile		•			•		•	•
Czech Republic	0	•	•	•	0			
Denmark		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Estonia			0	-	0	-		
Finland			*			•	•	
France	0		0				•	
Germany	0		0					
Greece	0		0			•		
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Japan	0		0	•	•	•	•	•
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Latvia	0	т		•			•	•
Lithuania	•	•	0		0		•	
Luxembourg	•	•	0	•	•		•	
Netherlands	•	•	•		•		•	
	0	•	0	•		•	•	
New Zealand		•					•	
Norway	•	•	0		•		•	
Poland	0	•	Ð	•	•		•	
Portugal	0	•	•	•	0	•		
Slovak Republic	•	•	•	•	o		•	
Slovenia	0	•	•	•	0		•	
Spain	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Sweden	•	•	0		•	•	•	
Switzerland	0	0	0	•		•	•	
Turkey	0	•	0	-		•	•	•
United Kingdom			0			-		
United States	*	*	0					
			0	-			•	

Legend: • = benefit available and access equal to standard workers; • = benefit available but access is not equal to standard workers (either partial coverage or voluntary enrolment); • = benefit available and enhanced in the context of the crisis (simplified access or extended coverage); * = benefit did not exist before and has been introduced in the context of the crisis; • = benefit not available for non-standard workers; blank.= information not available.



Replacement rate of short term work allowance as a share of previous wage



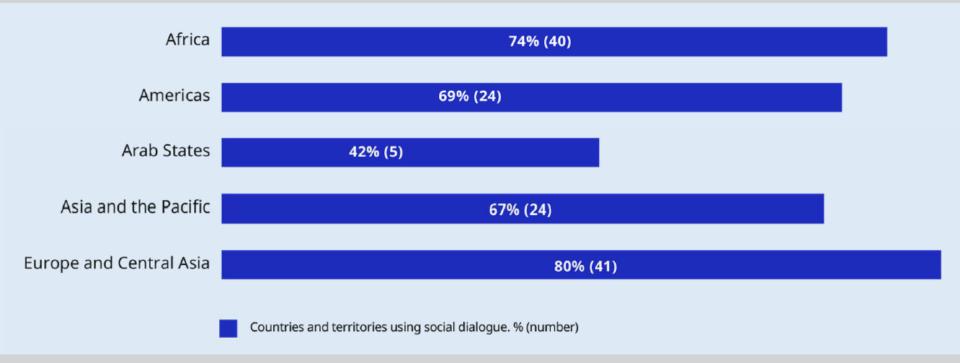
Source: Eurofound 2020.







Share of countries using social dialogue, by region

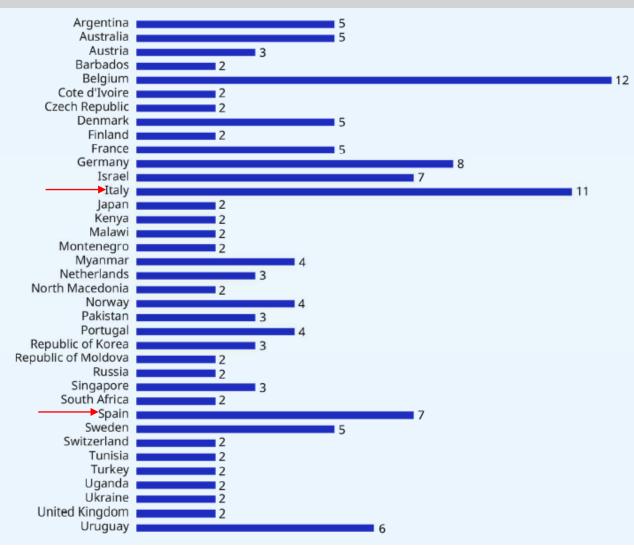




Source: ILO 2020.

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Share of countries with multiple outcomes





Source: ILO 2020.

Role of social partners in the development of COVID-19 policy responses in the EU (%)



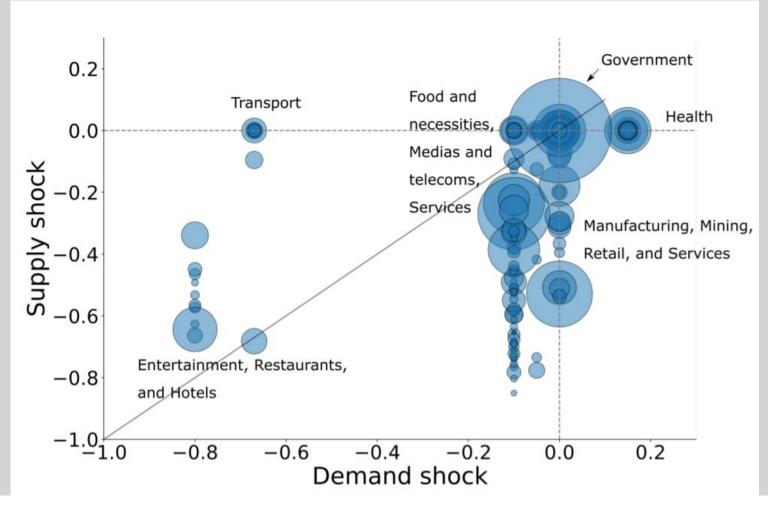
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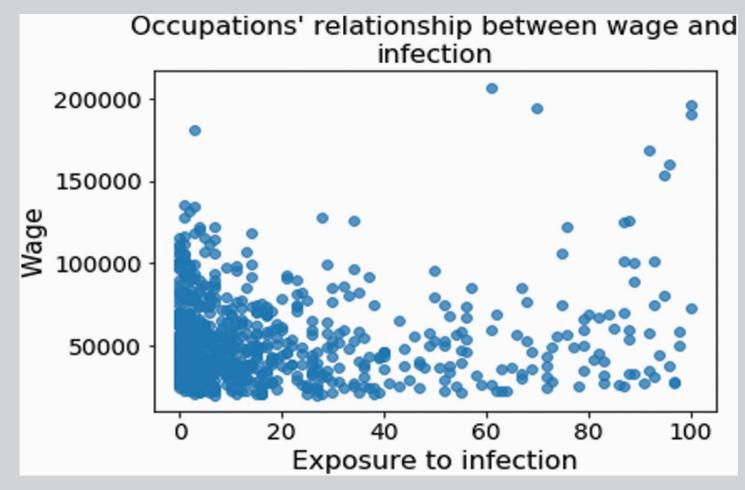
Industries are affected unevenly



Source: Rio-Chanona et. al 202.



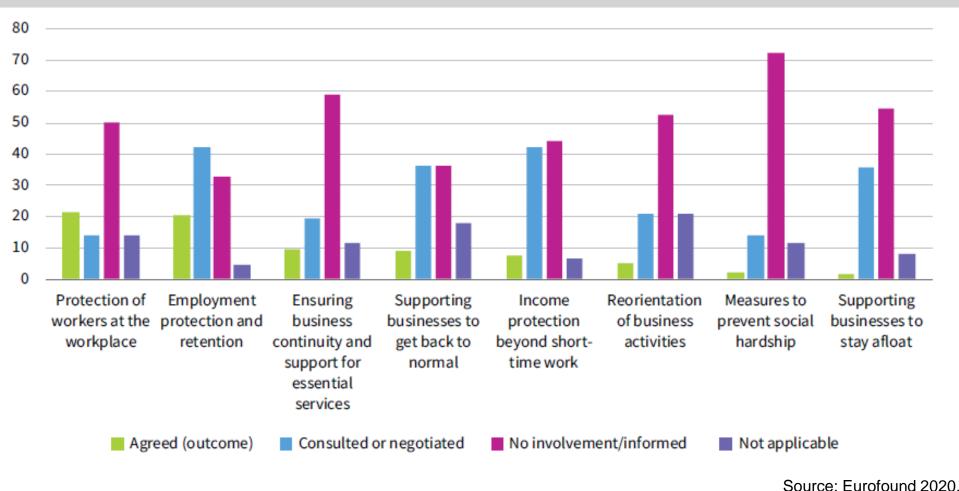
Most jobs with a high infection risk receive a low wage





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