

# Kosovo

## *Main indicators and characteristics of collective bargaining*

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This note presents the main indicators and characteristics of collective bargaining in Kosovo for 2019 or the latest year available. The purpose of this note is to provide a snapshot of the functioning of collective bargaining in Kosovo that can be used for comparisons with other countries in the database. Therefore, this note does not provide a precise description of the legal provisions or standard practices in Kosovo but only a general summary.

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## *The actors and scope of collective bargaining*

<i>Trade union density (% of employees)</i>	Missing
<i>Adjusted bargaining (or union) coverage rate (% of employees with the right to bargain)</i>	Missing
<i>Employer organisation density (% of employees)</i>	Missing

## *Wage setting*

<i>The predominant level at which wage bargaining takes place (in terms of coverage of employees)</i>	Intermediate or alternating between central and industry bargaining
<i>The combination of levels at which collective bargaining over wages takes place</i>	Cross-sectoral (entire economy or private sector) and sectoral, with sectoral agreements that specify, or deviate from, central agreements, guidelines or targets
<i>Reach or incidence of additional enterprise bargaining</i>	No additional enterprise-bargaining
<i>Favourability</i>	Hierarchy between levels is undefined and a matter for the negotiating parties (not fixed in law)
<i>Opening clauses in sectoral collective agreements</i>	Sectoral agreements contain opening clauses, allowing the renegotiation of contractual non-wage issues (working time, schedules, etc) at enterprise level
<i>Crisis-related, temporary opening clauses in collective agreement</i>	Agreements (at any level) contain crisis-related opening clauses, defined as temporary changes, renegotiation or suspension of contractual provisions, under defined hardship conditions
<i>Mandatory extension of collective agreements to non-organised employers</i>	There are neither legal provisions for mandatory extension, nor is there a functional equivalent
<i>Is there a statutory minimum wage in your country?</i>	Yes, there is one or more statutory minimum wage rate(s) that cover(s) all or most employees

## ***Wage co-ordination***

<i>Coordination of wage-setting</i>	Fragmented wage bargaining, confined largely to individual firms or plants, no coordination
<i>Type of coordination of wage setting</i>	Government sets signals (public sector wages, minimum wage)

## ***Works councils and employee representation in the enterprise***

<i>Status of works council</i>	Works council or similar (union or non-union) based institutions of employee representation confronting management do not exist or are exceptional
<i>Involvement of works councils (or similar structures) in wage negotiations</i>	Not applicable (no works councils)

## ***Social pacts and agreements***

<i>A social pact or central agreement is signed in specified year</i>	Yes (refers to the year in which the pact or agreement is signed, which needs not be the year in which the pact or agreement is applied)
<i>Existence of a tripartite council for the purpose of negotiation, consultation or information exchange over social and economic policies</i>	Tripartite council with representation from the trade unions, employers' associations, and independent experts or government (-appointed) representatives