Thank you for your invitation to contribute to your important and very timely thematic report on fiscal consolidation measures and labour rights. Caritas Europa recently (April 2016) issued its latest report on poverty in Europe with a focus on the consequences of the economic crisis and austerity measures on poverty and working conditions. You will find our report at link: <http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/caritas_europa_cares_report2016_-_end_poverty_in_europe.pdf>

This European Cares Report is based on the findings from the following national reports (published December 2015):
[Austria](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_at.pdf) | [Bulgaria](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_bg.pdf) | [Cyprus](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_cy.pdf) | [Czech Republic](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_cz.pdf) | [Finland](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_fi.pdf) | [France](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_fr.pdf) |[Germany](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_de.pdf) (auch auf [Deutsch](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_de_de.pdf)) | [Ireland](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_ie.pdf) | [Italy](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_it.pdf) | [Latvia](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_lv.pdf) | [Luxembourg](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_lu.pdf) | [Malta](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_mt.pdf) | [Netherlands](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_nl.pdf) | [Portugal](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_pt.pdf) | [Romania](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_ro.pdf) | [Slovakia](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_sk.pdf) | [Slovenia](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_si.pdf) | [United Kingdom](http://www.caritas.eu/sites/default/files/2015_caritas_cares_country_report_uk.pdf).

In case you would require more detailed information on specific policies mentioned in one or more of the country reports, we would be happy to provide you with the contact details of our respective country expert.

In the meantime, your team is likely aware of this, but you might consider drawing on data from ILO, which produced several publications on labour market reforms (as a consequence of the crisis or austerity measures): <http://www.ilo.org/Search4/search.do?sitelang=en&locale=en_EN&consumercode=ILOHQ_STELLENT_PUBLIC&searchWhat=EU+labour+market+reforms&searchLanguage=en>