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The ETUC strategy for influencing the European semester

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The European Semester explained

European Semester Cycles

1. Budgetary Cycle

The PREVENTIVE ARM keeps governments on track (towards their objectives) of the Stability and Growth Pact)

15 April (MTO)

15 October

Publication of the DBP (Draft Budgetary Plan)

by 30 November

Commission's opinion on the DBPs

Council opinion on the draft budgetary plans and the EA budgetary situation and prospects

31 December

Adoption of national budgets

2. Broad economic guidelines cycle

22 November

Annual Growth Survey, Joint Employment Report, Alert Mechanism Report, EuroArea recommendation

December

Bilateral Meetings with MS, Councils and European Council. AGS endorsed.

Beginning of March

European Council sets economic priorities based on AGS

3. Country Specific Recommendations Cycle

October-December

Consultation with MS and stakeholders on possible contents of the Country Reports

End February

Country Reports

15 April

National Plans: including National Reform Programmes (NRP)/Stability & Convergence Programmes (SGP, i.e. medium-term fiscal objectives)

May

Publication draft CSR

June

European Council gives political support

July

Council adopts CSR

Questions for discussion in the working groups

- 1) Which are the challenges for trade unions and workers stemming from the European semester?
- 2) Which are the opportunities?
- 3) Find 3 priorities or policy areas that trade unions should address within the semester. Explain why and how.



The ETUC strategy explained

Where does the ETUC strategy intervene?

Budgetary Cycle

The ETUC strategy doesn't work on this cycle, yet!

Broad economic (and social!) guidelines

The Autumn package

Including:

- *Annual Growth Survey*
- *Joint Employment Report,*
- *EuroArea fiscal recommendation.*

Country Specific Recommendations Cycle

Country Reports

Analyses of national situations (challenges and reform priorities) in economic, financial and social terms

National Plans (NRP/SCP)

Governments' reform plans to meet the foreseen (fiscal) objectives and fix challenges identified in Country Reports

Country Specific Recommendations

Recommendations on how to adjust policies in order to meet the planned objectives

How does the ETUC strategy intervene?

Broad economic guidelines

AUTUMN PACKAGE:

ETUC for Growth & Social progress
aims at influencing contents of the Autumn package

- *Annual Growth Survey*
- *Joint Employment Report,*
- *EuroArea fiscal recommendation.*

ETUC assessment of Autumn package

CSR Cycle

COUNTRY REPORTS:

ETUC Report on TU inputs for Country Reports and Early Stage Consultation

It gathers inputs from national trade unions for influencing the Country reports

ETUC assessment of Country Reports and Ex Post Consultation on Country Reports

COUNTRY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS:

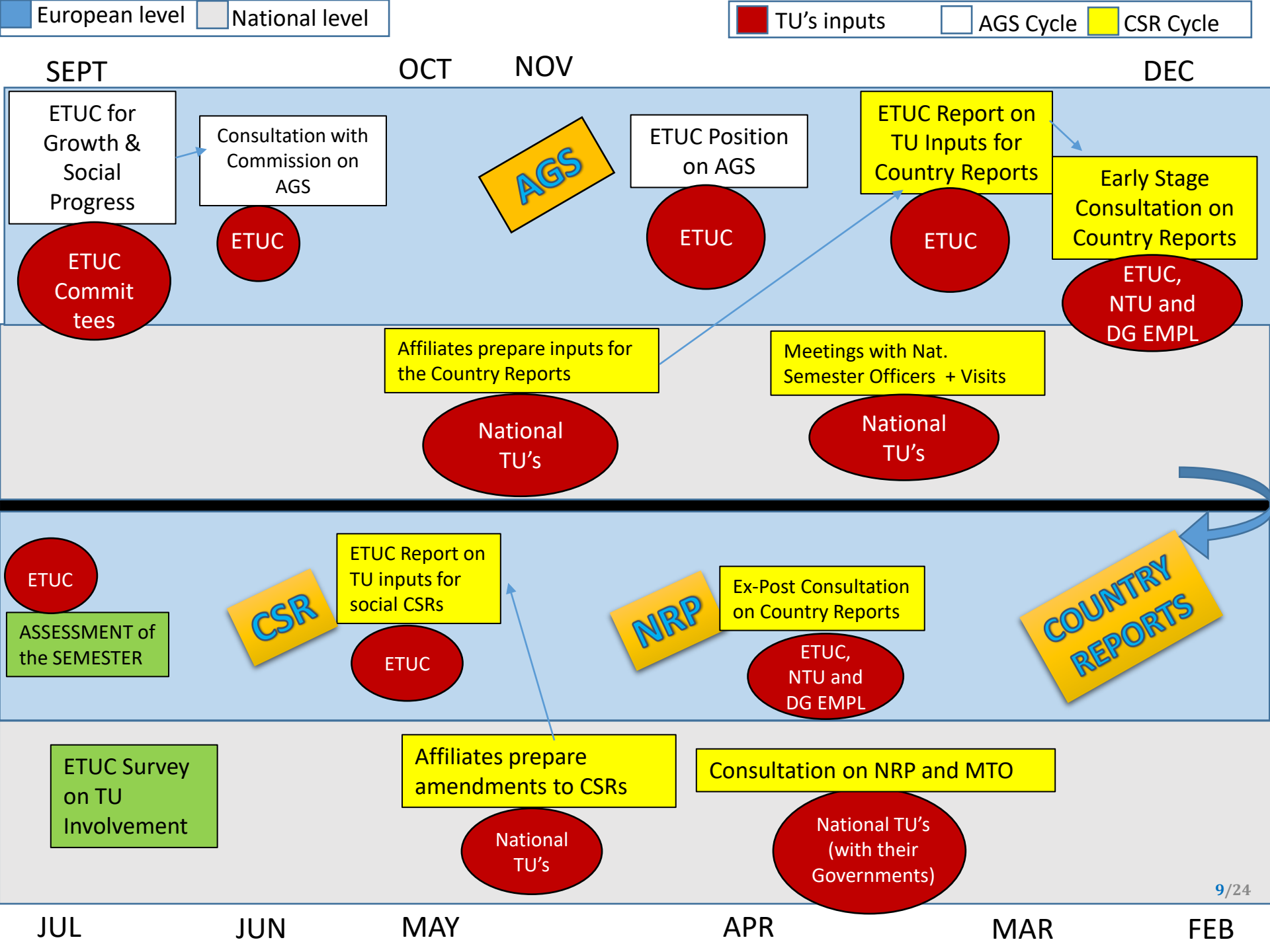
ETUC Report on TU inputs for social CSRs

Assessment of the whole semester cycle

ETUC assessment of the semester cycle

ETUC TU-INVOLVEMENT Index

Monitors the involvement of trade unions in the semester process at national level



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