

Spain: Minimum wage reaches landmark of 1,000 euros

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A recent increase of the interprofessional minimum wage (SMI) to 1,000 euros will benefit more than 1.8 million people especially young people and women. The secretary general of CCOO, Unai Sordo, calls the pay rise consistent and perfectly coherent". He stressed that the increase in the minimum wage is part of the strategy to raise this wage to 60% of the average wage at the end of the legislature.

The increase is also consistent with trade union demands in Spain. They are concerned with the most precarious workers and most vulnerable people in the country. Unions recall that they signed an agreement with the employers in 2018 to raise the SMI to 14,000 euros per year.

The workers' side is prioritising reduction of inequality, as well as improving wages and employment. They think this increase is great news that must be continued in the future.

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