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COVID 19 - Government of Romania adopts measures in support of health care staff - in response to negotiations with FSSR, member organisation of EUROFEDOP

Finally, after 4 months of constant pressure from the Federatia `Solidaritatea Sanitara` din România, Eurofedop's Health Care Workers Trade Union in Romania, the Government agreed to sit around the table with the trade union to discuss the situation of health care staff due to the pandemic.

The government, represented by the Prime Minister, Mr Orban, and the Minister of Health Care, Mr Tataru, recognised that special measures needed to be adopted to show recognition for the efforts and merits of the health care staff in the fight against Covid-19.

A great deal of the demands formulated by FSSR were met.

Salaries will be raised as of 1st January 2021. The limit on bonuses and risk incentives will be re-evaluated. Regulations will be issued for the payment of overtime and posting. The infection of medical personnel by Covid-19 will be recognised as an occupational disease. The wearing of PPE (personal protective equipment) will be limited to 3 hours. Continuous, updated training of health professionals will be ensured.

The government did not accept - for the time being - the demand for granting a special pension status, due to the work in dangerous circumstances, to health care professionals, raising the argument of staff shortages.

For a detailed description of the demands formulated by FSSR, see the document enclosed.

You will also find a link in this document to an illustrated account from health care in Romanian hospitals, with photos from health care staff, with thumbs up but also with clear marks in hands and on faces by the use of gloves and facemasks. <https://covid.solidaritatea-sanitara.ro/foto-fssr/>

Eurofedop congratulates the health care staff from Romania and other European countries on their never ending dedication and says together with them: "Together, we can win this fight".