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Videoconference with the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] ETUC
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COM was represented by the President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen, Head of Cabinet of the President Björn Seibert and Member of Cabinet Maria Luisa Cabral.

ETUC was represented by [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) and [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

ETUC shared their concerns about the likely delays in the implementation of SURE and asked: i) if there could be a bridging instrument to ensure funding and ii) if the Commission could start gathering MS demands immediately after SURE adoption, without waiting for the guarantees to be in place.

The President noted COM had done its part in record time and that money was available via CRII and CRII+. She said she would pass on ETUC's concerns to Commissioner Schmit.

ETUC also asked about the timing of CWP and recovery package, and their content. The President hinted at the third week of May. She briefly outlined the structure of the revised MFF. She reassured that the timing of social proposals – ETUC specifically mentioned minimum wage and pay transparency – which remained unchanged, with a bit of delay on minimum wage, also due to the longer consultation period.

Finally, ETUC asked that a “virtual” TSS would take place before the summer. The President agreed to do so – at a convenient date after the adoption of the recovery package – and underlined the importance of social dialogue for the single market and for the EU's Union's unique social market economy. ETUC proposed that the TSS would discuss only the current crisis and how social partners could facilitate the implementation of the recovery strategy and Commission Work programme.