



## EFBWW Standing Committee Wood/Furniture/Forestry

**Videoconference 22 September 2020, 9:00 to 12:00**

### **Item 5 : COVID-19 Disease and its impact in our countries/sectors**

**Short description on the national situation and in the wood/furniture/forestry sector. The reports will be compiled and send back to the participants. They shall give a structured overview on the situation and serve as basis for the discussion in the SC Wood. We may use them for the EFBWW webpage too. Therefore, we ask you to write not more than 10 lines for each question.**

Please complete this survey and return it to [info@efbww.eu](mailto:info@efbww.eu) before 10 September.

**Country: Norway**

**Union: Industri Energi**

**Sectors concerned: Furniture**

**Survey completed by: Nina Helland/Ole-Kristian Paulsen**

### **1. What is the current situation on COVID19 in your country (maximum lines)**

5.4 million inhabitants, 264 have died, 10871 have been diagnosed with cov 19, 745279 have been tested. Only 1034 have been hospitalized, 231 in intensive care. There has been a slight increase in the last month. There is some travel restrictions, keep distance and hygiene/washing hands. It is recommended to use a face mask using public transport where it is difficult to keep a distance of 1 m (3 inches).

## **2. What are the consequences for the wood and furniture sectors?**

Some employees in different factories has been temporarily laid off during the last months but now is everyone back in work. Many factories say`s it is "high time" now because of a lot of renovation and many people buy new furniture.

## **3. Which measures will be taken to support the sector?**

There have been a number of sensible changes in the regulations for workers who are temporarily laid off, the state has taken more responsibility, as well as some good subsidy schemes for companies.

## **4. Are there any negotiations or specific joint action of the social partners in our sectors?**

All changes in various schemes and regulations have been, and will be, discussed between Government- The Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise and Trade Union Confederation.

## **5. Other aspects of importance you like to report on?**