

ABOUT PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS IN ROMANIA

It is quite difficult to present the pension situation in a country emerging from the socialist regime where everything was GOVERNED, and now we have a situation designed in a competitive regime, quite chaotic in the end, at least in terms of calculation. Because there were pensioners who received the pension according to the method of calculation of the past, those who had worked for a time in the state system and then another period in the private sector, pensioners who worked in the army or in other fields and those with the state generically called "special pensions"!

Therefore, in an attempt to please everyone, new pension laws were made all the time, which instead of helping more, created confusion.

At the moment, all pensions are being recalculated without being able to say with what consequences. All you can guess is that they will displease most people, because the system is not yet unified. The state pension system is combined with private funds, nothing can be done to correct the inequalities between regular and contributory pensioners and those with so-called SPECIAL PENSIONS. They cannot be amended because they can be immediately challenged before the Constitutional Court.

Another problem would be that many people who worked in the cooperative agricultural system in the past have very low pensions and have been trying for a long time to find a fair solution, which has not been resolved so far.

Finally, but perhaps most importantly, the fact that the pension fund, at least the state fund, is decreasing, not only because there are fewer employees, but also because there are many retirees on the payroll.

Mrs Lagarde, this sad character cynically observes that a solution must be found, which seems to them only to raise the retirement age. Nothing about multiple jobs, for example!

In this context, the questions of a confused population, because no one explains anything, would be whether someone can find the solution or at least the best suggestion. More effective would be an insurance for everyone to take out while working, American or Swiss type, or the deduction of an amount by the State for a living pension and the rest left to the discretion of each in what way he will supplement his pension, whether it is private funds, insurance or to find another solution. Because, while postponing the retirement age, no one will be able to enjoy it for more than a few months or 2-3 years! It is true that for those who govern, in their cynicism and lack of empathy, this would "comfortably solve the problem"!

Of course, for a country like ours, in the situation I have described, any opinion or experience on your part would be beneficial for a basis for discussion with pensioners and even with our governors!

I wish you success and I assure you of all our support, because we are fighting for the same thing!

Your comrade Ciprian Pop, General Secretary of the Romania Workers' Association

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I asked them if they were for or against private pensions, and this is their answer:

Dear friend, I wrote the text that you read, our intervention with the colleagues of our organization. Private pensions are a reality in Romania, we are obliged to contribute "by default" to the pillars of private pensions. They are, therefore, a reality in Romania, even if you or I do not agree. The reality, that this one exists, and cannot be changed. Mrs Lagarde, like the other lady, Ursula, are two dictators, but as far as the pillar of private pensions is concerned, they are a reality in Romania, if we want to change something, he starts by analysing reality tell as it is.