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# Negotiations on new agreements resume

**In the midst of the tense final stages of the negotiations, the coronavirus pandemic struck and the entire national bargaining agreement was put on hold. Now it is time to resume the process of drafting new collective agreements. On 1 October, it's time to get back to business.**

In preparation for further negotiations, IF Metall's negotiation delegations have been summoned to meetings in September at which measures will be taken to protect attendees from the risk of coronavirus infection. The goal is for the new industry agreements to be ready by the end of October. If you listen to employers, there is no money at all to be had – at least not in terms of wages. Already during the summer, some employers declared bids of SEK 0. “On the other hand, it's not unusual. Whether the economy is doing well or badly, there's always a lack of

money when it comes to employees' wages,” says Veli-Pekka Säikkälä, Agreement Secretary at IF Metall.

When negotiations resume in October, they will enter the same stage as when the negotiations were paused in March. It will be the so-called “OpO month”, during which the impartial chairpersons participate and lead the unions and employers through the negotiations, all the way to handshakes and the signature of agreements, which hopefully will be in place by 1 November.

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