



To the Latvian affiliated trade unions

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Dear Colleagues,

EPSU supports the actions against the high levels of poverty in Latvia. These actions are foreseen for 1st of October and involve all EPSU affiliated trade unions. The actions are part of the Global Call to Action Against Poverty. Across the world workers and citizens are standing up demanding action to end poverty, not words. Workers' rights, quality public services, action at global as well as national level are part of this campaign. The actions of the Latvian trade unions culminate in a national demonstration in Riga 1 October.

EPSU supports the trade union demands for an increase in living standards reflecting the cost of living, and keeping pace with increases in inflation and productivity. If government and employers do not make workers and citizens share in increases in productivity Latvia will fall behind other countries in Europe. Pensioners, the ill and poor in society should all share. Health care should be accessible to everybody in society.

EPSU will send a letter to the Parliament's Commission of Budget and Finance and to the Latvian Prime Minister expressing our support for your actions.

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We wish you a very successful day of action on 1 October.

Yours sincerely,

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