

FP CGIL
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Object: public water legislation's initiative

Dear comrades,

Recently the Italian Forum of the water movements, sponsored by FP i.a., has approved a law proposal of popular initiative for the protection, ruling and public management of water, in annex.

This is very important: a wide array of movements, associations, unions is appealing for a fight for water as a common good, not-submitted to market & competition, a publicly owned and managed service, funded mainly by general taxation.

By this initiative we want to open a general debate supporting public intervention and management against the privatization and outsourcing trend of public services.

Tuesday October 24, 10 persons, amongst whom me for FP, will deliver the text of the proposed legislation to the "Cassazione" (Italian high court). The signatures' collection shall start 1 month after the delivery (according to law), end-November-beginning of December and shall continue for the 6 following months.

We aim to reach a very high involvement, beyond the 50.000 signatures needed to reach parliament and obtain public debate in working places and outside.

We want to give it a big public national launch to this campaign, of which we shall keep you informed soon.

Please arrange your work keeping in consideration this important initiative also related to the struggle for the contract renewals and the valorisation of the public work, a real reform of the public utilities, against job precariousness, in favour of public intervention.

We need a coordinator in the regional and local units as we have created regional coordinations to manage the campaign.

Convinced of your engagement I wish you brotherly greetings,

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General Secretary FP CGIL