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To all EPSU affiliated unions  
To all PSI European affiliates  
To the EPSU Executive Committee, Gender  
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**Euro-Demonstration: Mobilisation for fair pay – Ljubljana-Slovenia, 5 April 2008**

Dear Colleagues,

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) is calling for a demonstration on 5 April, at 14.00 in the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana. The overall mobilisation is for FAIR PAY, an increase of the purchasing power for workers and a fair deal for public sector workers.

I call on you, the EPSU affiliates to support the ETUC demonstration to a maximum of your capacities. We have seen only recently to what extent politicians single out the public sector work force and their trade unions for wage moderation as an example for other sectors. It is in fact easier for governments to put a cap on pay for public sector workers than to regulate the excessive pay and benefit packages of managers of large companies.

In several countries public service unions have staged industrial actions, the latest country being Germany, where Ver.di is calling for warning strikes to protest against proposals from the employers to freeze wages with higher weekly working hours.

The Deputy General Secretary, Jan Willem Goudriaan and myself will attend the Ljubljana demonstration. As usual we would like to form an EPSU block of around 50 colleagues and have contacted our Slovenian affiliates for their help. We would be grateful if unions from neighbouring countries in particular could also help to bolster the EPSU block.

If your union sends participants to the ETUC demonstration and is interested to participate in the EPSU block, please let us know and contact [jwgoudriaan@epsu.org](mailto:jwgoudriaan@epsu.org) indicating the number of colleagues you expect (see participation form attached).

We will keep you posted of any further details of the ETUC demonstration in the next coming weeks (please also check our web site [www.epsu.org/a/3578](http://www.epsu.org/a/3578) )

Yours sincerely

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Encl. EPSU participation form, ETUC circular EN/FR/RU

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