Ukraine: EPSU sends solidarity to health workers' union

(18 September 2017) EPSU has sent a message of support to the Health Workers' Union of the Ukraine for its major national demonstration tomorrow (19th September) that has the backing of many other Ukrainian trade union organisations.

The protest is the latest stage of the HWUU's campaign to resolve a labour dispute with the government and to achieve changes in planned health reforms. The union registered its labour dispute last year over unpaid wages, a claim for increased pay and for proper application of the pay system.

The demonstration is also about funding a well-staffed, quality health system for all citizens in contrast to government plans based on private social insurance. The HWUU argues that the proposals run counter to the Ukrainian constitution and legislation and the government should revise its plans and take account of the position of the union and the healthcare community.

The solidarity message with further details of the HWUU's demands can be read <u>here.</u>

These and a number of other issues were already raised and requested at the <u>Health Care Reform Seminar in the Ukraine</u> organised on 15 and 16 May 2017 in Kyiv in which EPSU participated.

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