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EPSU calls for support for ETUC European-wide mobilization on 29 February

The European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) supports the call by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) to mobilise across Europe against the European Treaty on February 29th on the eve of the European tri-partite summit.

EPSU has been since September 2010 at the forefront of the mobilisations against unfair austerity measures imposed in the bulk majority of European countries and it will continue to do so as long as the workers will be asked to pay for a crisis that they have not caused.

All over Europe government target public sector workers, pensioners, unemployed and the public service as a scapegoat of a crisis caused by the financial markets.

For that reason, EPSU had a European day of action on November 30th. On February 29th the ETUC calls all trade union confederations to mobilise, picket, protest and strike against the treaty of austerity that is imposed with hardly any public debate across the European Union.

EPSU will be mobilising in Brussels together with the ETUC and calls its affiliates to join this demonstration at midday in Brussels in the European quarter.

EPSU and the ETUC call for an alternative policy at the European level. Measures such as Eurobonds, and effective Financial Transaction Tax or fighting tax fraud are not even envisaged by European Governments or institutions, the only focus is “reassuring the markets” and cut budget debt and deficit. This is not a solution.

EPSU will continue to mobilise until Europe changes this route that is leading us to disaster.

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