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Public service workers will be protesting against austerity measures in all EU countries. Portuguese workers organized a general strike 24/11. There will be strikes in the UK (30/11) Greece (1/12) and larger and smaller actions in many countries in this period. These actions are carried out and coordinated by affiliated unions of the European Federation for Public Service Unions. We support these actions.

We do not need coordinated austerity measures in Europe, including in Russia as this will throw our economies into recession and cause unemployment and social misery. What is needed is investment in public services such as health and social services and in public infrastructure like water services, networks, waste management, housing and other public utilities. Measures are required to address the financial sector so that the banks can not throw the global economy into problems again.

We call on the countries of the G-20 to introduce a financial transaction tax as soon as possible to prevent speculation. Ensuring Fair taxation and addressing tax fraud are import in the countries of the EU as in Russia and CIS.

The problems of workers in Greece, Italy, Spain Roumania, UK, Ukraine and so many other European countries are similar as in Russia. We do not wish to pay for a crisis workers did not cause. We want decent wages, pensions and high quality public services. We wish the unions much success in their actions.

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