## Union movements organise protests over surge in inflation

■ Austria Czech Republic Greece

With inflation increasing rapidly across Europe, trade union movements are mobilising to highlight the cost-of-living challenges facing workers, their families as well as pensioners and students. Latest figures show prices rising at anything from 6.5% to nearly 23% a year in Europe with further increases predicted. The <a href="CMKOS">CMKOS</a> confederation in the Czech Republic is calling for a national demonstration in Prague on 5 September while the <a href="ÖGB">ÖGB</a> confederation in Austria is coordinating protests around the country on 17 September. In between these two, the <a href="GSEE">GSEE</a> private sector and <a href="ADEDY">ADEDY</a> public sector confederations are building for a protest in Thessaloniki on 10 September when ADEDY will be highlighting the long-term impact of austerity on public sector workers who have not seen a pay rise for 14 years.

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