## Nurses' unions contest attack on right to strike

## Finland

The <u>Tehy and SuPer</u> nurses' unions have responded angrily to plans by the government for legislation that would effectively ban strike action in health and social care. The unions are in dispute with the municipal employers who have rejected a proposal for a five-year strategy to increase pay and tackle the staffing shortage in the sector. In response, Tehy and SuPer have been running a campaign of industrial action and recently announced targeted strike action around the country. Rather than intervene and discuss with employers and trade unions how to resolve the dispute the government is considering legislation that would give employers in health and social care unilateral power over whether strikes can take place. <u>EPSU</u> sent a message of solidarity to the unions and a letter of protest to the government.

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