

Public service unions set out bargaining demands

Austria

The [youunion](#) and [GÖD](#) public sector trade unions have written to the government calling for the annual pay negotiations to start. The unions want the government to recognise the enormous efforts made by their members during the pandemic and the continuing challenges to maintain services in the face of staffing shortages which are likely to worsen as large numbers of workers reach retirement age. The unions are calling for a sustainable pay rise that addresses the cost-of-living crisis. Meanwhile, the [vida](#) private services union has launched its pay claim covering workers in private hospital facilities, highlighting the surge in prices and calling for an increase of all workers of around €500.

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