## Major demonstration over pay and funding of health and care

## Italy

The <u>FP-CGIL</u>, <u>CISL-FP</u> and <u>UIL-FPL</u> health and social care unions have joined with other unions in the sector to organise a major demonstration in Rome on 29 October. The protest calls on the new government to take urgent action to address the long-term underfunding of the sector and the crucial question of understaffing. The unions want to see the resources made available to fund the next three-year collective agreement and additional improvements to pay and conditions made through decentralised bargaining. They are calling for an emergency employment plan and measures to ensure that private sector collective agreements don't undercut those in the public sector. The demonstration also includes demands to end and reverse outsourcing and improve the integration of health and social care. EPSU sent a solidarity message and was planning to join the demonstration.

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