

Union set to send ultimatum to municipal employers

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Negotiations on a new collective labour agreement to cover the 187,000 employees in municipalities sector have been suspended with the [FNV](#) trade union planning to send the VNG employers' organisation an ultimatum over the holiday period to put pressure on them to negotiate. The union has been pushing for a 11.25% pay increase with a minimum increase of €300 a month, a one-off payment of €1,200 euros and the inclusion of the automatic price compensation in the collective agreement in 2024. The employers' last pay offer was for only 5% as of 1 February 2023 and 3% as of 1 April 2024. The FNV is surprised that the employers have not improved their offer bearing in mind staff shortages and the need to tackle excessive workloads in the sector.

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