

Trade unions united in opposition to pension reform

France

All the major trade union organisations – including [CGT](#), [CFDT](#), [FO](#), [UNSA](#), [CFE-CGC](#) – along with student groups were involved in coordinated, nationwide strikes and protests on 19 January in opposition to government plans to reform the pensions system. Trade unions are opposed to the increase in pension age and years of contributions required to get a full pension. They cite the independent Pensions Advisory Council that says that the financing of the pensions system is not under threat. The trade unions have set out alternative plans, including measures to support workers in their fifties to stay in work longer and emphasise that pension reform needs to address the particular challenges facing workers in arduous and dangerous occupations. [EPSU](#) published a statement of support.

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