## Massive turnout for second day of pension protests

## France

All the main trade union confederations – including <u>CGT</u>, <u>CFDT</u>, <u>FO</u>, <u>UNSA</u> and <u>CFE-CGC</u> – with the support of student organisations, organised a second day of strike action and protests on 31 January against changes to the pension system. There was again massive support in over 250 demonstrations across the country matching the first day of protests on 19 January. The trade unions are calling on the government to withdraw the planned reforms and especially the proposal to increase the pension age from 62 to 64. They argue that the vast majority of the population is opposed and the unions are putting forward alternative policies that focus on delivering a decent pension, addressing the impact of arduous occupations and reducing the gender pensions gap. The next days of action are set for 7 and 11 February.

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