

EPSU expresses solidarity with workers following tragic murder of psychiatrist in Italy

EPSU SOLIDARITY LETTER

TO FP-CGIL:

“ We support FP-CGIL in any initiatives they now take in response to this tragedy, knowing that the federation has made repeated efforts to try to address the violence and harassment faced by health workers.



(25 April 2023) EPSU has expressed its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Barbara Capovani, a psychiatrist who was brutally murdered while carrying out her duties at a hospital in Pisa, Italy. The alleged attacker was a former patient who had a history of brushes with the law, including a previous attack on a doctor. The incident has sparked calls for improved mental health care in Italy and highlights the ongoing issue of violence and harassment faced by health and social care workers.

We stand in solidarity with FP-CGIL, knowing that the federation has made repeated efforts to try to address the violence and harassment faced by health workers. While our work as trade unions plays a crucial role in improving the protection of workers, addressing the root causes of violence and harassment requires tackling the longstanding impacts of austerity and the lack of staff and resources needed to deliver health services.

It is unacceptable that they should be subjected to violence, harassment, or any form of abuse while carrying out their duties. The tragic death of Dr. Capovani is a stark reminder of the urgent need to address the root causes of such violence and to ensure that workers are protected and supported in their work.

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