## Unions on strike alert as government threatens austerity

## Czech Republic

EPSU affiliates and other trade unions in the <u>CMKOS</u> confederation are on strike alert in response to a range of government proposals to consolidate public finances that pose a threat to public employees but also to tax allowances and other benefits for all workers. A potential 2% cut in staff costs in the public sector could have major consequences for pay and jobs with inflation reaching 30% over two years and so far no pay rise for public service workers this year. Public sector unions, including <u>OSSOO</u> and <u>OSZSP</u>, have expressed concern over the failure of the government to engage in social dialogue and to push through major changes in legislation with extremely limited consultation.

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