

Hungarian public sector workers need a pay rise



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(23 June 2017) EPSU has joined with its Hungarian affiliates in calling for a long overdue pay rise across the public sector. While different groups of workers have seen some increases in pay in recent years, there has been no across-the-board pay rise for all workers for nine years. The public sector pay structure has been unchanged all this time, with many pay levels falling below the national minimum wage.

EPSU General Secretary, Jan Willem Goudriaan, said: *"It is completely unacceptable that Hungarian public sector workers are required to maintain the quantity and quality of services while being ignored by their public sector employers and the government"*. He added: *"Public services need well-qualified, well-trained competent staff, but this calibre of employee will not be attracted to the public sector without good pay and employment conditions. EPSU believes that the Hungarian government needs to recognise this reality and start proper and meaningful negotiations with public service unions."*

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