Over 10000 worker reps mobilised in public sector dispute

Denmark

Public sector unions brought together over 10000 shop stewards to debate the way forward in the current conflict over pay and conditions. When the employers failed to come up with an offer on pay, negotiations broke down and a mediator was called in. The unions announced that strike action would take place on 4 April if mediation didn't work. The action would be targeted and involve only 10%-15% of public sector workers. In response, the employers said that they would implement a massive lockout on 14 April covering 90% of state workers and 50% of municipal workers. Mediation is continuing, however, and the mediator has requested a delay to the industrial action. This means that no strike action can take place before 22 April and no lockout before 28 April unless the mediator declares an early end to the mediation process. EPSU and many affiliates sent messages of support.

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