

EPSU expresses its solidarity with Hungarian affiliates



(12 July 2018) EPSU expresses its solidarity with Hungarian affiliates who are fighting against their government's new proposal to reform the taxation of certain extra-fringe benefits.

Hungarian affiliates KKDSZ, BDDSZ and HVDSZ2000 rejected the government's proposal and held a press conference in front of the Parliament last week in protest.

The reform of the taxation of certain extra-fringe benefits (including cafeteria vouchers) would make it more costly for employers to provide these to their workers. This could result in a cut of effective income for many.

In Hungary public service workers receive low wages. Fringe benefits such as cafeteria vouchers have always constituted a significant source of income for many of these workers. The fact that the government wants to cut these already low effective wages through the reformation of fringe benefits is unacceptable.

We urge the government to listen to trade unions demands on this issue.

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