

Union confederation plans anti-austerity rally on 8 September

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The ADEDY civil service confederation is planning an anti-austerity protest on 8 September in Thessaloniki to coincide with the city's international fair which will be opened by prime minister, Alexis Tsipras. The confederation aims to highlight the fact that workers and pensioners continue to suffer the impact of deep austerity measures despite the country exiting the bailout programme. With economic output having fallen by 25%, unemployment still over 20% and massive staff shortages in key public services, particularly healthcare, ADEDY argues that austerity continues to bite. The confederation will highlight a range of key measures it is calling for including increases to wages and pensions, increased recruitment to health and other public services and a restoration of union and bargaining rights.

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