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The third round of negotiations between unions and employers in regional government failed to produce any progress with ver.di categorically rejecting the employer's 4.2% pay offer. The increase was only to have been implemented in July 4.2% and the employers want a two-year agreement. Ver.di said it effectively meant 18 months of no pay increase. The union wants an 8% pay increase with a minimum rise of €200 a month, arguing that regional government workers' pay has fallen behind after years of below-inflation increases or no increases at all. Ver.di will call for a continuation of warning strike activity in the lead up to the next round of negotiations on 28 February. [Read more at > [ver.di \(DE\)-](#)

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