

Media advisory: European health and care workers to march for urgent action

The European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) is organising a **demonstration of European health and social care workers** in Brussels on **Friday, 9 December 2022**.

The protest will gather workers from unions across Europe to call on European health ministers to enact urgent changes to improve working conditions within the health and care sector. Workers will march from Place Madou to Rond Point Schuman, where ministers will be gathered for an Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council on health.

It is not so long ago that policymakers across Europe were lauding health and care workers as ‘heroes’ and clapping to show their appreciation. Two years later, these ‘heroes’ are wondering if they have been forgotten. Low pay, lack of resources, unsafe staffing, burnout... the situation is becoming urgent. Health and social care workers cannot and will not wait for the system to collapse. Workers in health and care [are leaving the sector](#) and EPSU is calling for a change in approach towards the workforce. Even the [WHO is saying that it is time to act!](#)

Europe needs to recognise the critical need to prioritise public funds for health and care and to remove the sector from all conversations on austerity. This is the moment to hear from some of the most essential and undervalued workers and amplify their calls for change. Join our delegation of European health and care workers to call for EU health ministers to recognise their valuable and essential work. These workers have already been mobilising for several months!

It’s time to transform applause into action!

- **What?** Protest calling for European health ministers to recognise the growing crisis in health and care and prioritise urgent policy change. Health and care workers will march with their work clothes and trade union banners.
- **Who?** Organised by EPSU (European Federation of Public Service Unions). Attended by large delegations of health and social care workers from trade unions across Europe from Belgium, Spain, France, Romania, The Netherlands and Germany.
- **When?** Friday, 9 December 2022. 11:30 to 13:00.
- **Where?** The route will go from Place Madou to Rond Point Schuman, ending in front of the Council of the European Union buildings.
- **A press point will be organised in front of the EU institutions.** There will be opportunities both before and after the march to speak to workers and trade unionists as well as speeches and photo opportunities.

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