

Cyprus Government is killing the social dialogue.

All Cypriot trade unions are rejecting the new austerity measures which were announced by the government last week. This is the third austerity package which is announced by the government in 2011, and the mass majority of the new measures are towards taxation and freezing wages in the Public sector. It is estimated that considering all the three austerity packages, salaries in the Public and Semi government sector will be affected by 15% by the end of 2013. In addition, all the Cypriot workers, in the public and in the private sector, will be enforced to make extra contributions for the next 2 years in the Governments' fund. The most alerting issue is that despite the fact that the measures are mainly affecting the workers, there was an unacceptable absence of any sort of social dialogue.

Yesterday, 7 December 2011, after an initiative taken by EPSU affiliated unions (FP SEK, FSGE SEK, PASYDY), all the Cypriot trade unions decided to react to this unacceptable and undemocratic situation and they announced a pancyprian protest for next week, during the Parliaments' meeting which is about to vote the new hard austerity measures. Unfortunately Government and all political parties have decided by themselves all the new measures, and they also decided not to give any voice to the workers and trade unions to participate to any discussion about their rights, about their future.

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