

To all EPSU affiliated unions in Ukraine

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Dear Colleagues,

EPSU sends solidarity greetings to all the Ukrainian unions taking part in the demonstration today (6 July). EPSU fully supports the trade unions' opposition to the massive increases in energy prices and tariffs for communal services. It is totally unacceptable that the government has decided to implement these increases without the proper consultation with the social partners.

Such increases will have a devastating effect on the living standards of workers, the unemployed and the elderly. EPSU supports the trade unions' key demands in their demonstration including a fair reform of the wage system, an increase to the minimum wage and a general wage rise of 15%.

We hope that the government and parliament respond positively to the union demands but if they fail to do so then we also support the unions in potential further protests, including strike action.

In solidarity,

Jan Willem Goudriaan EPSU General Secretary