

To all EPSU Affiliated unions in Spain

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Dear colleagues,

On behalf of EPSU, I wish to express our solidarity and support for the strikes in Spain's prison services on 24 and 26 October, 6, 8, 13 and 15 November.

The deterioration of working conditions, pay and health and safety in Europe's prisons is putting at risk the well-being of prison staff as well as of prisoners.

In Spain, the fact that all the Spanish unions representing prison staff have joined forces to call for a series of strikes indicates the seriousness of the matter.

Collective bargaining must be the tool to address the many conflicts in prisons, not the least the rise of violence against staff, and improve pay for all prison staff concerned.

We expect now the government's relevant ministries to engage in genuine negotiations with our Spanish affiliates and comply with the commitment it has taken both in public and in Parliament to do so.

I wish you a successful strike, there is no doubt that the thousands of workers in prisons deserve respect and a pay rise.

In solidarity



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