

To the kind attention of the trade union federations CGT Santé, CGT-SP, FGF-FO, FSS-CFDT, INTERCO-CFDT, SPS-FO, UFSE-CGT and UNSA.

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of EPSU, I would like to send you solidarity greeting for the day of strike action and demonstrations on 9 May called jointly by the nine public service trade union federations.

We read with concern of the French government's plans to transform the public services with measures that will undermine the pay and working conditions of public servants. With those proposals to cuts jobs, freeze pay and increase precarious employment, the outcome will not only affect workers but the quality of service that they deliver.

We strongly support the call by public service trade unions to have a proper process of social dialogue, to negotiate pay increases that deliver a real increase in purchasing power for public servants with job security rather than the fixed-term contracts faced by many contractual employees. We also join with the unions in demanding protection for the current system of health and safety committees and the processes that ensure transparency in relation to promotion and mobility.

EPSU hopes that the day of action will be successful and force the government to negotiate with the unions rather than pushing through plans that attack public service workers and threaten the quality of public services.

Yours in solidarity,



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