Dear Colleagues,

EPSU, the European Federation of Public Service Unions, and Europe’s largest trade union federation, supports your strike. Europe’s public service workers, teachers, school staff, childcare workers and so many others deserve a substantial pay increase. It is a sign of recognition for the work public service workers do to deliver high quality public services.

After years of wage freezes and slow wage growth, it is time the teachers, school staff and public services workers share in the benefits of economic growth, and wages are brought up. The government should come back to the table.

We have seen that your strike has broad support of the workers and of the public. Your actions are part of a broader struggle of public service workers in Europe. We stand for high quality public services, be it in education, in health, in public administrations and other services. And decent pay and conditions are part of that.

We wish you much success.

In Solidarity,

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