



To the inhabitants of Alcazar de San Juan

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Dear inhabitants of Alcazar de San Juan,

As Deputy General Secretary of the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) I support your struggle against the privatization of the local water company. We have collected over 1.68 million signatures across Europe to declare water and sanitation a Human right and to prevent EU wide liberalization. When we see that in your city of about 30.000 people you have collected over 11.000 signatures to keep it in public hands, we know this is a major achievement. EPSU has been the backbone of the [right2water](#) ECI.

As Europe's public service trade unions (EPSU), we see many people in Europe fighting against the privatization of water companies such as in Portugal, Ireland, Greece, Germany and elsewhere. People know that water is a public good and so essential for life that it is better kept in public ownership. People also understand that the underlying battle is one over a different kind of politics, democratic, close to people as well as a different orientation away from austerity towards investment, sustainable growth and quality jobs. There is a proud European water movement to ensure that our water stays in the hands of the people.

We would like to express our solidarity with your struggle. We will let others in Europe know that the people of Alcazar de San Juan are standing up for public water, symbolizing the fight that Another Europe is Possible.

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