



Open letter

to

The President of Romania Mr Traian Băsescu
The Prime-Minister of Romania Mr Emil Boc
The Romanian Government

The public sector trade unions in Romania, along with the public sector unions in the whole of Europe, are sending out a common message to the leaders of the European Union, warning them that public services employees are under pressure in all the countries in Europe, the austerity measures affecting our members directly, through damages brought to the economic growth and the development of society, through the massive cuts in public spending.

The Romanian trade union federations affiliated to the European Federation of Public Services Unions (EPSU) are concerned by the fact that the Romanian Government, similar to the other governments, under pressure from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund, are using as the only way to respond to the “economic crisis” drastic fiscal consolidation.

Governments and employers must stop using the crisis to diminish workers’ protection against exploitation. It is unacceptable that the Troika (IMF, Central European Bank and the European Commission) intervene in the collective bargaining process and make changes in the labour legislation a condition for providing financial support. This is not the Europe that we want!

We demand the Romanian government to respect the autonomy of the social partners and the right of the workers to defend their rights. Undermining collective negotiations and social dialogue represents a threat to the access to and quality of services, diminishing any sign of economic restructuring.

The public sector unions in Romania, along with EPSU, are supporting on the 30th of November as the day of action when we say a strong “NO” to AUSTERITY!