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## **Solidarity with Greek people**

STAL, portuguese national trade union of local and regional administration workers, salutes your corageous figth in defending your public water company, against privatization, EYATH.

We know that in the recent years you´ve had, just like us, a hard fight against blackmail, lies, and repression. A fight for dignity, sovereignty as a country and as a people, against unemployment and poverty, for social justice, protection of the commons against the spoil imposed by troika and governments in favour of economical interets.

We know that on 18th of May with the referendum on the privatization of EYATH, you will have another important step in defense of water, its public management, defense of jobs, inseparable condition of citizenship and democracy.

The battle of Thessaloniki is the same we face in Portugal. The fight against impoverishment, destruction of rights, against the policies of the troika and the government committed to dismantle and privatize everything that is public, including water, sanitation and waste public services.

Just like you, most of the Portuguese people refuse water privatization. A process whose consequences are clearly visible in the municipalities that have taken this option: loss of democratic control, brutal rise in prices, excluding the poorest, increased labor exploitation. As a recent audit by the Court of Auditors confirmed: the water business only benefits private groups, causing severe damage to municipalities and populations.

We can not be present in Thessaloniki on 18th of May directly supporting your fight. But we are certain that your struggle and resistance, already a victory, will sooner rather than later, defeating all who aspire to impose privatization.

We stand with you. We strongly support your struggle in defense of public water, jobs, the rights of the Greek people and social justice!

With our embrace of class, fraternity and solidarity,

STAL national board

(Francisco Braz)

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