

"We are not elastic!" EPSU joins Belgian unions in national demonstration against Peeters law and austerity

(24 May 2016) EPSU joined Belgian trade unions in a national demonstration today in Brussels, in defense of worker rights and the 38-hour working week. An estimated 50,000 trade unionists and demonstrators united in a rally beginning near the International Trade Union House. The so-called 'Peeters law,' named after the minister for employment, will force workers to be more flexible and work longer hours. As workers under Belgian contracts, EPSU staff share the concerns of Belgian workers about the threats the Peeters law poses to the collective agreements that define our protections and working conditions.

Today's demonstration was also a broader call for an end to the austerity measures and budget cuts that continue to be imposed on public services and their workers. EPSU brought a European message of solidarity.

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