



For all EPSU affiliates in Slovakia

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Dear Colleagues,

EPSU expresses its full solidarity with KOZ SR and with all workers in Slovakia facing the government's consolidation package. Once again, it is working people who are asked to shoulder the heaviest burden of fiscal adjustment, while genuine dialogue with trade unions is ignored.

The measures announced – freezing wages for public and municipal workers, increasing health contributions, changes in income tax rates, restrictions on unemployment benefits and interference with public holiday working hours – represent a direct attack on living standards and public services.

EPSU denounces the lack of meaningful consultation with social partners and the government's decision to present this package at the last minute, leaving no room for alternatives. Such behaviour is not compatible with the European model of social dialogue.

Fiscal consolidation cannot be achieved at the expense of workers. Governments must instead pursue fairer solutions, including progressive taxation and action against tax avoidance, to make sure the costs are shared fairly across society.

We stand with KOZ SR in their protest of 30 September in Bratislava. Public service unions across Europe stand with Slovak workers in this struggle.

In solidarity,

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