



To DISK and KESK affiliated unions

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Dear Colleagues,

EPSU sends you solidarity greetings for your half-day work stoppage tomorrow, 3 October. This is an important and courageous initiative on the part of the unions to call for the reinstatement of workers who have been dismissed under the emergency situation. The government has been acting in an arbitrary manner with these widespread dismissals having a massive impact on the lives and families of hundreds of thousands of public service workers. EPSU very much hopes that your action will help lead to the reinstatement of workers who have been treated so unfairly.

We note that the law to end outsourcing has had some positive effects but this has not been transposed equally across the public sector. EPSU supports your call for municipal workers to have the same employment status as workers in central government and that workers newly transferred to the public sector should have the freedom to negotiate collective agreements rather than be covered by a fixed agreement that is valid until 2020.

Finally, EPSU strongly affirms your message that workers should not pay for the crisis and an increase in the minimum wage is vital for the many thousands of workers who are trying to make ends meet on low pay. Workers across Europe are demanding a pay increase and decent pay and conditions.

EPSU will inform all its affiliates about your action which will be an inspiration to many public service trade unions across Europe who know of the challenges you face in Turkey.

Yours sincerely,

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