

To all EPSU Affiliated unions in Slovenia

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Subject: EPSU stands together with Slovenian trade unions and their members in the protest action on 28 May 2021

Dear colleagues,

EPSU the European Public Service Union, sends its solidarity greetings to all the unions and your members in Slovenia and to the workers joining the protests action this Friday on 28 May 2021, in Ljubljana.

It is the right time for trade union movement in Slovenia to give a strong signal of resistance against the disrespect and dismantling of social dialogue, fundamental rights along with core and democratic standards and principles by the government. EPSU stands unreservedly with you and all the protesting people in **demanding** the **immediate re-establishment of social dialogue** in which trade unions are an equal and respected partner; **consistent establishment of the rule of law**; **consolidation of democracy**; and **rejection of authoritarian tendencies** in Slovenia. Unions oppose legislative proposals that were sent to the parliament without the social dialogue. These proposals undermine the foundations of the social/ welfare state like the proposed tax reform, the introduction of the social contributions cap and regarding the so-called demographic fund.

Our profound solidarity goes to you and this Friday, together with you, we will demand the restoration of core principles and values and the complete respect for the legitimate of workers and the unions to be consulted on matters that concerns them!

In solidarity,

Jan Willem Goudriaan EPSU General Secretary

European Public Service Union representing 260 trade unions in health and social care, public administrations, utilities and municipal services and millions of public service workers firmly support your right decision to take to the streets and join the protest.

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