

To all French affiliates

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Dear Colleagues

I am writing to express our solidarity with the joint trade union action across the public services on 19 March.

It is unacceptable that the government is considering another year without revaluing the index point and providing a pay increase across the public sector that will help workers deal with the increase in the cost of living. It is also worrying that there is now talk of a system of linking pay to performance with the likelihood that this will only increase divisions and inequalities between different occupations and between men and women.

EPSU also fully supports your action in the current context of budget cuts that threaten jobs and services and maybe only a first taste of further austerity that might be imposed under the EU's new fiscal rules.

We very much hope that the actions next week are widely and strongly supported and bring the government to the bargaining table for proper negotiations over pay, careers, jobs and services.

In Solidarity

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