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TRADE UNION CONFEDERATIONS FGFB, CSC AND CGSLB

Letter of solidarity

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the Union of Autonomous Trade Unions of Croatia I express our full support to the general strike on 13 February 2019 and the demands of the Belgian trade unions.

Trade unions of Belgium are rightly demanding OUR recovery and increase of all wages as well as decent working and living conditions – your demands are not only fully justified but are extremely important today for Belgian workers, pensioners and the overall society. Workers have for too long borne the injustice and imbalance in sharing the efforts and burdens of the crisis. It is high time for Work Fit for People – work that ensures a good wage, health protection, security, opportunities for learning and career progress, decent working time and voice at the workplace, including also the right to organize and bargain collectively! We strongly support also your demands for a decent retirement – we are waging the same battle to ensure a pension system that is not only sustainable but fair and humane. It is only work – and pensions – fit for people that can ensure a society of satisfied people, which is a precondition for economic and social development. This can be done only through a sound collective bargaining and industrial relations system.

Dear colleagues, please rest assured that you are not alone in your struggle: the Croatian trade union movement led by the UATUC stands firmly behind our brothers and sisters in Belgium, your general strike and your demands.

We need to be strong and united and show cross-border solidarity that has always been a key principle and strength of our global union movement, also because a threat to workers in Belgium is a threat to workers everywhere! Whether it is at the national, European or the global level, we fight the same struggle for decent work and decent life.

The UATUC wishes you all the success in achieving your demands, for the benefit and well-being of all the workers and citizens of Belgium and Europe!

Only together we are stronger!

Yours in solidarity,

Mladen Novosel, President