



Solidarity message to Greek unions in social insurance / Adedy

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Dear Comrades of Adedy, POPOKP, POSE-IKA

Dear President Anthony Kuruklis, Secretary General Jota Kitso,

Dear President Dimitris Zisimos and General Secretary Giorgos Fragkiadakis of POPOKP,

Dear President Antonakakis Dimitrios, Dear General Secretary Nikolopoulos Antonis of POSE-IKA,

On behalf of EPSU, the European Federation of Public Service Trade Unions, I express our solidarity with the Pan-Hellenic strike of POSE - IKA and POPOKP of 6 and 7 April.

We support your struggle against the privatisation of the social security fund. The pending cases are the result of the policies of the current government, but also of the years of neglect and underfunding. This has led to a growing shortage of staff, problems of with the organisation of the work, lack of modernisation of equipment, etc. Privatisation is not a solution to these problems, neither is blaming the staff. The proposed reforms of the pension system can have negative consequences as it introduces risks for the individuals and market-based principles for the management of the pensions.

There needs to be a universal social security system. There should be enough permanent staff to execute the many tasks and existing vacancies should be filled. Cleaning and other support services should be in-sourced and kept inhouse. Investment needs to be done in the infrastructure and in modernising it to deliver the quality service people expect.

I wish you success with the warning strike

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