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Dear Serena,  
Dear colleagues from FP-CGIL,

On behalf of EPSU, I would like to express its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Antonio Ciccorelli, an Italian firefighter and member of FP-CGIL for many years with only a few months away from his retirement, he was 59 and died in Foggia.

We stand in solidarity with FP-CGIL, knowing that the federation has made an enormous effort and work at European level to raise awareness of the challenges of firefighters. This tragic incident reminds us that we must keep the work up for the memory of Antonio and to avoid as many deaths as possible. Firefighters are in the frontline of climate change, and they need the means and resources to properly work to avoid such tragic events.

It is unacceptable that they are put at risk for cuts in public spending as we have seen with [the latest data](#).

We will remember the commitment of Antonio and all other firefighters that we represent.

Yours in solidarity,

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