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Dear Colleagues,

We express our full solidarity with you as you organize the 8-hour general strike on November 29, 2024, across Italy. Your call for urgent changes to the government's budget law and your demands for fairer economic and social policies resonate strongly with workers across Europe.

We fully support your call for measures that protect the purchasing power of workers, strengthen pensions, and ensure adequate funding for essential public services such as healthcare, public administration and education. Your concerns about the detrimental effects of austerity measures, which threaten to undermine living standards, job security, and the quality of public services in Italy, are shared by workers across Europe.

The call for a windfall tax on extra profits and wealth, increased pensions, and labour reforms to combat precarious work are crucial steps toward securing a fairer and more just society. The renewal of collective agreements and the right to protest are fundamental to protecting workers' rights and ensuring that the voices of workers are heard in all decisions that affect them.

EPSU stands in solidarity with your members and all workers who are fighting for a fair, just, and inclusive society. We will continue to support your efforts and are committed to working together towards strengthening public services, workers' rights, and social justice.

Success.

In solidarity,

Jan Willem Goudriaan EPSU General Secretary