



To: *Serena Sorrentino*, General Secretary, FP CGIL  
*Rita Longobardi*, General Secretary, UIL FPL  
*Sandro Colombi*, General Secretary, UIL PA

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Dear General Secretaries, Dear Colleagues, Brothers and Sisters, Comrades,

I bring you the unwavering support of PSI's global membership – your fellow public service workers and colleagues from all over the world – as you rightly mobilize nation-wide and go on strike for your fair demands for decent wages, for a revalorisation of the purchasing power of the Italian people, and for adequate investment in life-saving public services. Public Services International (PSI) is the global union federation representing over 30 million public service workers at all levels of government covering all public services in 154 countries and territories.

We fight against privatisation worldwide and promote the return of public services in public hands, and with democratic management, along with adequate funding, staffing levels, and decent conditions for the workers who daily bring services to communities and economies often with in the face of daunting challenges, inadequate staffing levels, protections, working tools and pay. Your unions are an integral and strong part of our global, democratic, progressive movement that fights for equitable access to quality public services and is a stronghold against the rise of the far right, of its divisive messages and damaging policies.

Italian public service workers and users have long paid the highest price and continue to bear the brunt for the systematic underfunding, privatisation and precariousness of life-saving public services after years of austerity, hiring freezes and reckless lack of investment by successive Italian governments and penalising EU fiscal rules. Your demands for changes in the current budget law and the economic and social policies of the Italian government – including extraordinary investment in public health, social, education, and research services - are key to ensure that Italy is ready to tackle the multiple crises the world is facing. Indeed, it is your members – public service workers – not politicians, who are on the frontlines of these crises!

Italy urgently needs and deserves quality public services that can only be delivered with appropriate public resources put to good use and with strong, fair collective agreements covering all public service workers, under both public and private contracts, and at all level of government. We urge the Italian government to uphold its international human, civil, civic and labour rights commitments by swiftly engaging in good faith negotiations with representative trade unions and by immediately withdrawing its unacceptable security bill. Failing to act will only make Italy plunge further on the global black list of global democracy and inequalities and deepen the public service and industrial desertification it currently faces.

We stand firmly behind you and wish you victory.

In solidarity,

*Daniel Bertossa*  
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