

To the Croatian Affiliates

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Dear Colleagues,

Solidarity with trade union Croatian demonstration on pensions

EPSU sends you solidarity greetings for your demonstration tomorrow, 20 October, in protest at the Croatian government proposals to raise the retirement age to 67. Pensions are fundamental to workers and any plans for reform should be based on a full consultation with workers and their trade unions. It is unacceptable to impose such a major change and without taking account of the situation of Croatian workers and particularly their life expectancy.

We fully support your call for the retirement age to be set at 65, retaining the possibility to retire from 60 with 41 years' contributions and we will join with you in sending this message to the Croatian government. We have also written to the Prime Minister in support of your demands.

We hope that your demonstration is strongly supported and that it helps in your campaign to get the government to revise its proposals.

Yours in solidarity,



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EPSU General Secretary