

Rome, 24th July 2023

Dear comrades,

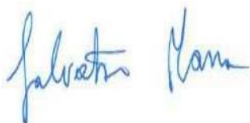
We are writing to strongly support your struggle for fair wages and rights to Collective Bargaining and to secure the constitutional right to strike.

All over Europe and globally, workers are facing an unprecedented cost of living crisis mainly connected to the war of aggression of Russia against Ukraine and experimenting poverty, because wages are not adequate. Employees in the public sector and pensioners seem to suffer a lot because of this situation as Governments are reluctant to ensure adequate wages and pensions. Austerity policies have returned and spending in public services, despite our hope that the pandemic had closed an era of cuts, are back on the agenda of the EU and Member states as well as in other countries around the globe.

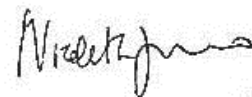
Furthermore, you are still facing the terrible consequences of the earthquake that has weakened all the country, provoked desperation and death and has worsened the gap between rich and those who work for a living. Your struggle against precarious jobs, for minimum wages above the poverty line, increase of minimum pensions, tax justice, and housing is our struggle and as international union movement we do share your issues. The struggle to defend workers and citizens rights, such as the right to strike, is another common battle as this right is under attack in many countries, also in Europe. This is why we called on the ETUC to go for a joint mobilisation in the coming months in Europe and we asked the ETUC Congress to adopt a resolution on a European mobilisation path "On the road for a fair deal for workers". Let us mobilise together our affiliates to give them home and make them understand that there is an alternative to austerity, cuts, profit-led inflation and corporate greed.

We wish you much success in your struggle and send you our sincere solidarity.

Keep on fighting, we are with you!



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