



EPSU Executive Committee supports action by FSSHK health union in Kosovo

The Executive Committee of the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) meeting online on 24-25 November sends its solidarity greetings to the FSSHK health union in Kosovo for its strike action on 25 November. The Committee strongly supports the call by the union for dialogue with the government and health ministry over the pay and working conditions of health workers.

The Committee finds it completely unacceptable that the government and ministry have so far failed to reply to the requests by the union to negotiate. We see across Europe many of our affiliates in health and other public services engaging in collective bargaining and social dialogue, the best ways to ensure that workers see improvements to their pay and conditions.

After 18 months of health care workers making massive efforts and sacrifices and facing serious personal risks in dealing with the pandemic, it is an insult to our colleagues in FSSHK that they have been shut out from any proper process of collective bargaining.

The Executive Committee hopes that the strike on 25 November is strongly supported and successful and brings the government and health ministry to the negotiating table to ensure that the 2022 budget includes the pay increases and other measures demanded by the FSSHK.