



Joint EPSU – ETUCE – ETF Solidarity Statement

The European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), The European Transport Federation (ETF) and European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) support the mobilisation of all the Spanish trade union confederations against the reform of the labour code that the Spanish Government has done by decree.

(28 February 2012) The reform under the direction of the European Union and the international Monetary Fund (IMF) like in other countries, plunges Spain into the realm of job insecurity and puts the country in the same path as Greece or Portugal. With the excuse of the financial and economic crisis the Government has initiated an attack to public services in all sectors: health, education, transport...

We consider the demands of the Spanish trade unions to withdraw the new law totally justified. We do not believe that giving a free hand to employers to sack workers cheaply will create an environment for growth. We also support the lodging of a complaint to the ILO for breaching the Fundamental Convention 98.

The European Federations that sign this statement welcome the initiative by Spanish trade unions to create a wide coalition "In Defence of Public Services and the Welfare State". Such initiatives are the right step for trade unions to show that the current so-called solutions to the crisis are rejected by the bulk majority of the population.

We want to express our solidarity with the millions of workers, youth and unemployed that had demonstrated against this attack on Sunday 19 February and we encourage them to do so on February 29 in the European Day of action call by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and supported by all of us.

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