



## EPSU sends solidarity greetings to the KKDSZ and the other public sector trade unions involved in the demonstration on Saturday 6 December.

(5 December 2014) EPSU deplors the impact of cuts to public services and public service workers' pay and conditions in Hungary. It has been six years since the last salary increase, leaving public sector workers 30% worse off in real terms. As job cuts have put pressure on service provision, so public service employees are working longer hours, usually without additional pay and causing more stress and risks for health and safety.

The government's proposed budget for 2015 clearly shows that it is not considering a change in policy and is not concerned about the quality of public services.

EPSU fully supports the trade union demands for proper social dialogue and for a staged increase in wages over the next three years just to recoup the decline in purchasing power since 2008. We also support the demand for a pay rise of 5% or 10000 HUF from 1 January next year as a first step in this process.

Hungarian public sector workers are not alone in fighting for their pay and conditions, collective bargaining rights and public services.. In recent months we have seen action in the UK, Belgium, Netherlands, Italy, Greece, Portugal and Montenegro as unions around Europe continue the fight against austerity.

EPSU wishes every success to the trade unions in Hungary.

In solidarity,

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