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Subject: Solidarity with KKDSZ and Support for Fair Pay in the Cultural Sector

Dear Prime Minister,
Dear Minister of Finance,

Herewith, younion _ Die Daseinsgewerkschaft, an Austrian trade union affiliated to the European Public Service Union (EPSU) and representing 148,000 workers, including individuals working in the sectors of arts, culture and media, expresses its full solidarity with the members of the Trade Union of Public Cultural and Collection Workers (KKDSZ) and their demonstration on 19 October 2026.

We support KKDSZ's efforts to draw attention to the severe wage stagnation affecting cultural workers in Hungary and to advocate for fair recognition of their valuable contribution to society. Libraries, museums, archives and other cultural institutions provide essential services that deserve adequate public support and investment in their workforce.

We therefore support KKDSZ's calls for:

- immediate and meaningful pay adjustments for cultural workers;
- genuine and constructive social dialogue between the government and workers' representatives; and
- improved working conditions across the cultural sector.

As a sister union representing employees in the cultural sector, we are convinced that fair wages, decent working conditions and effective social dialogue are essential to maintaining high-quality cultural services and preserving cultural heritage.

We encourage the Government of Hungary to engage constructively with KKDSZ and to work towards sustainable solutions that improve the livelihoods of cultural workers.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Kattnig
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