

Solidarity Message to FPS-CSIL and FP-CGIL General Strike 30 November 2004

Dear Colleagues,

The European Federation of Public Service Trade Unions (EPSU) sends its wholehearted support to you in the general strike planned for 30 November.

We agree that the Italian government's plans for tax cuts will not provide the muchneeded boost to the Italian economy and will only benefit the rich at the expense of those on average and lower incomes.

The government should resolve the outstanding negotiations with public sector workers and ensure that workers and pensioners alike enjoy a real increase to their wages and benefits.

Investment in education and quality public services along with an increase in purchasing power for the majority are what the Italian economy needs to expand and create employment.

In Solidarity,

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