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Subject: Solidarity with ETUCE member organisations in Croatia

Dear colleagues,

With this letter, ETUCE supports you and your affiliates in the strike that has been ongoing since 10 October 2019 and seeks for higher pay in primary and secondary education in Croatia.

We stand with you and agree that employees in the field of education deserve respect for their rights and interests, better working conditions, decent salaries and pensions. In many of our statements we have continuously repeated that low status of the teaching profession is offset by high workload, lack of continuous professional development and the lack of public funding. All across Europe one can observe the common trend of an ageing workforce and the brain drain of skilled professionals to other sectors or countries when it comes to the teaching profession. Teachers and other education personnel are in need of support. Cuts in public funding and budgets and the neglect of education, existing marketisation and privatisation trends further endanger the quality public provision of education. Thus, ETUCE supports your fair demand for a salary increase by an average of 6.11 % for all employees in primary and secondary education.

May your strike lead to comprehensive outcomes.

In solidarity,

Susan Flocken
European Director