

Solidarity with employees in the Czech Republic

On behalf of GPA union, we support our colleagues from KOVO metalworkers' union in their fight against the government's austerity package:

For fair incomes and against additional burdens on employees!

Especially in times of extreme price increases for energy, rents and food, governments must support people so that incomes can be secured and purchasing power maintained. Otherwise, more and more citizens will barely be able to afford to live.

The austerity package presented by the Czech government, however, with severe financial and social cuts for a large part of the population, is having exactly the opposite effect.

Like our Czech colleagues, we oppose measures such as adjusting VAT rates, increasing excise duties, raising the cost of the motorway toll sticker and reducing subsidies for electricity and heating energy, which will significantly increase the cost of living for Czech citizens.

We are particularly critical of measures such as the abolition of support for children in kindergartens and the student discount, which will have a negative impact on young families and make education more difficult.

Furthermore, by proposing to tax employees' contributions to trade unions, the state is going against them and their representatives, who also play a crucial role in generating revenue for public finances.

Austerity packages, such as the one proposed by the Czech government, further exacerbate the already strained financial situation of many citizens and do nothing to solve the current social and economic challenges.

We therefore support the fight of our colleagues from KOVO against the Czech government's austerity package and wish them every success with their protest actions on 27 November!



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