

To our Austrian Affiliates PRO-GE and GPA-djp

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Letter of Solidarity to workers in the Austrian metaltechnology sector

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you on behalf of industriAll European Trade Union to express our solidarity during the warning strikes taking place this week.

We were disappointed to learn of the breakdown in collective bargaining talks and the meagre offers on the employers' side in the negotiation of a fair wage increase for Austrian metalworkers.

As the European Trade Union Federation, representing seven million workers in metal, chemical, energy, mining, textile, clothing and footwear sectors and related industries, we fully support the demands of our Austrian affiliates for fair wage increases, which we believe can be best brought about through strong collective bargaining, where everybody has a seat at the table.

We wish to underline our support for your demands for:

- A return of the employers to the negotiation table
- Negotiation of a fair result (5%) that is in line with the overall excellent situation in the Austrian metal industry
- Adequate compensation for the longer working hours due to the changes in Working Time Act and Working Rest Act (12 hours daily working hours) as well as the option to decide to have it paid in cash or extra time off; protection against dismissal for workers' who refuse to do overtime
- Uniform results for all five subsectors in the metal industry

IndustriAll European Trade Union draws its strength from unity and in solidarity we will continue to support you in the challenges facing Austrian workers and unions at this time.

In solidarity,



Luc Triangle

General Secretary