

Collective bargaining round in Austrian metal industry- 4th round broken off without any result in sight.

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After 8 hours, the fourth round of negotiations between the PRO-GE and GPA unions and the Metal Technology Industry Association (FMTI) for the metal industry's collective agreement was broken off without result. The employers' offer for a wage/salary increase is still 2.5 percent plus a fixed amount of 100 euros as well as a one-off payment of 1,050 euros. They came up with an alternative offer for a wage increase over two years, which was rejected by our joint negotiating team as well. We strive to reach a result that reflects the economic situation with one of the highest inflation rate in the Eurozone and the profits gained during the last 12 months.

In this negotiation phase, in which we were already forced to hold meetings at company level with our shop stewards adopting strike resolutions due to the intransigent attitude of the employers, their offer is completely irresponsible.

Unions therefore insist on their demand of a 11.6 percent pay increase, given the galloping prices.

Work stoppages are inevitable at this point. The situation is escalating, workers are outraged by the inadequate offer and feel left out in the cold by their employers.

The companies will start the industrial action from November 6. Strikes are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on the site.

The new collective agreement for the metal industry should have been in force since November 1.

Negotiations are set to be resumed on November 9, 2023.

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