

## **The Netherlands: Metal workers are going on strike.**

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The employers have not responded to an ultimatum from FNV for a renegotiated collective agreement in the metal and technology sector. This means that the union had no other choice than to call a strike.

FNV finds it incomprehensible that the employers have let it come to this conflictual situation. Over the past period, workers have made significant sacrifices in terms of reduced purchasing power, but the employers seem to disregard this.

The sector really needs to be prepared for the challenges of the future, such as the energy transition, automation, and digitalisation. A new agreement must be solidly built to address these challenges. That's why FNV is going on strike. They believe in the power of collective action.

Regional strikes are scheduled throughout the country from the week starting 6 May 2024. This is only the beginning.

FNV makes it clear that both unions members and non-members can take part in the strike. However, only workers organised before the strike decision was made will receive financial compensation. FNV encourages the workforce in the sector to stand together as a collective and offers a €10 bonus to union members who recruit a colleague.

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