

EPSU backs striking municipal workers in Turkey

(31 January 2017) Today EPSU sent a message of solidarity to the Genel-İş municipal workers' union whose members are on strike in Karabağlar, a district of İzmir province in western Turkey. Up to 1000 workers joined the strike which was called by the union to put pressure on the employers to come up with an improved pay claim in the current negotiations. EPSU general secretary Jan Willem Goudriaan said: "The level of support for the strike shows the workers' determination to secure a better pay offer. This is all the more impressive in the current climate in Turkey, where there was a clear risk that the authorities might try to ban the strike."

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