

Message of solidarity and support with your strike on April 20th

Dear Italian comrades,

on behalf of the Austrian manufacturing union PRO-GE we express to you our solidarity with your strike actions, planned on April 20th, against the proposals and demands from your employers' side to push for negotiations at company level and excluding workers from pay rises . In Austria we have been confronted as well in recent years with demands from the Austrian employers' side to increase their price competitiveness by far reaching demands for further flexible working hours to save overtime pay and attempts to undermine the branch-wide collective bargaining system in Austria.

An unitary position of trade unions in your country as well as all over Europe is needed to reject these attacks. Only by achieving decent pay rises and strengthening the purchasing power of our workers we can achieve a recovery from the economic crisis in Europe and thus secure a future prospering industry, therefore your struggle has our full support.

We congratulate you on achieving a strong common trade union platform and wish you successful results to the benefit of your workers. Please give our warm greetings of solidarity to your comrades and let them know that the Austrian manufacturing union stands behind them

In solidarity,

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