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## European Trade Union Committee for Education EI European Region

**To: ESTUS, ETUCE member organisation in Slovenia**

Brussels, 27 May 2021

Ref.: SF/ 10203

**Subject: ETUCE stands robustly with Slovenian trade unions and their members in joining a protest action on 28 May 2021**

Dear colleagues,

The European Trade Union Committee for Education (ETUCE) representing 127 education trade unions i.e. more than 11 million teachers and other education personnel in Europe firmly supports your right decision to take to the streets and join the protest, this Friday on 28 May 2021, in Ljubljana. Our full solidarity goes to you and all your members in Slovenia.

It is the right time for trade union movement in Slovenia to give a strong signal of resistance against an absolute disrespect and dismantling of social dialogue, fundamental rights along with core and democratic standards and principles. ETUCE stands unreservedly with you and all the protesting people in **demanding the immediate re-establishment of a social dialogue** in which trade unions are an equal and respected partner; **consistent establishment of the rule of law; consolidation of democracy; and rejection of authoritarian tendencies** in Slovenia.

This Friday the protesting teachers in Slovenia will express their strong dissatisfaction with the ongoing far-reaching critical and unacceptable situation in education whereas, among other things, both education and school policies have been elaborated without any consultations involving education social partners. Teachers do not have patience any longer! Educators, teachers, professionals, administrative and technical staff had been humiliated by not having the right to voice their suggestions and more important warnings when it comes to the elaboration of measures set in schools. Their numerous calls to participate in the design of measures that interfere with the educational space and exchange along with their rich experience and views in among other things, finding appropriate solutions for the benefit of all have been persistently ignored or rejected since last spring. Much more is at stake! The absolute neglect of a respectful and equal cooperation with employee representatives who are practitioners at all education levels is not a political line which is needed to address the inevitable prospect of tremendous negative both social and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and measures put in place to contain the spread of the virus worldwide.

Our profound solidarity goes to you and this Friday, together with you, we will demand an absolute restoration of core principles and values and the complete respect for the legitimate of workers to be consulted on matters that concerns them!

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Flocken". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Flocken  
European Director