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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to send you solidarity greetings for your week of action 6-10 March highlighting the right of everyone for strong public services. We have seen across Europe how public services have often been undermined by inadequate funding and investment and the spread of privatisation and commercialisation. We very much support the campaign's calls for action to ensure that quality public services can be provided across all sectors – from health and social care to education, from fire and emergency services to prisons and from housing to energy.

All of these services are needed now more than ever and they can only be delivered properly if public sector workers can negotiate the pay and conditions appropriate for the job and that help guarantee the level of staffing needed. This also means having the right to social dialogue at all levels and across all services.

We see all these messages reflected in your campaign and hope that the actions planned will have an impact on the political debate in Belgium and put pressure on all levels of government and public employers to start delivering on these vital issues.

In solidarity



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