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**Euro-Demonstration on 9 April  
in Budapest: European Trade  
Unions Mobilise for Social  
Progress**

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*The European Trade Union  
Confederation (ETUC) and its six  
Hungarian member organisations  
(LIGA, ASZSZ, SZEZF, ESZT, MSZOSZ and  
MOSZ) call for a Euro-demonstration on Saturday, 9 April 2011 in Budapest, where the*

*European Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) will meet during the Hungarian  
presidency. The European trade unions will march to say no to austerity and to call for more  
social Europe, fair wages and quality jobs.*

Many social protest movements have taken place recently in Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, United Kingdom, Spain, Latvia, etc.) to express the anger of workers against austerity measures and to demand social justice.

In fact, the policies implemented by the European authorities and the national governments to deal with the ravages of the crisis are essentially based on austerity measures and fiscal consolidation plans that consist of sharp cuts in public spending, pressure exerted to reduce wages and to interfere with the independence of collective bargaining. These social regression measures are taken whilst scandalous bonuses continue to be paid.

The European trade unions are against these policy choices and have stated on many occasions that alternative choices were possible. This is why they will make their voice heard in the streets of Budapest on 9 April, because governing Europe does not mean social regression.

Link to the manifesto :[http://www.etuc.org/IMG/pdf/Tracte\\_A4\\_EN.pdf](http://www.etuc.org/IMG/pdf/Tracte_A4_EN.pdf)

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