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The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) and its Polish affiliates Solidarnosc and OPZZ are organising a Euro-demonstration on 17 September in Wroclaw (Poland), where the Economy and Finance Ministers (ECOFIN) will be meeting. The European trade unions will point out to Europe's political leaders, who are meeting at the same town, the need for a change of course in the direction of greater European solidarity. Without such solidarity, employment and social peace are jeopardised.

In the face of the turmoil disrupting the European economy and amplifying unemployment and the insecurity of work for millions of Europeans, European solidarity is necessary and urgent.

ETUC General Secretary Bernadette Ségal commented: *"Now is the time to demonstrate real European leadership and to take the right decisions to bring about a change of course. This summer was fraught with dangers. The crisis raged on financial markets. The European plans announced to save the euro zone failed to convince markets. Many countries find themselves exposed. After two years of devastating crisis, European leaders must make the choice of solidarity and not leave financial markets and ratings agencies in command. A retreat to nationalism would be disastrous."*

"For the ETUC, the pooling of risks (Eurobonds) would offer new prospects. We must avoid a break-up of the euro zone, which would spark a serious social crisis. Economic governance must have the goal of improving employment and living conditions. Austerity plans have failed. The European trade unions will march in the streets of Wroclaw on 17 September to say that other choices have to be made and that we have to agree on European economic governance centred on solidarity and employment."

- Call to demonstrate to the Euro-demonstration - video :

<http://www.youtube.com/etucces#p/c/D565EAE4A6AA4BAD/1/3TvG7LYRkWw>

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