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EUROPE'S LEADERS SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION DAY OF ACTION ON 14 NOVEMBER

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The European Day of Action and Solidarity on 14 November, organised by the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), resulted in a strong mobilisation across Europe. Hundreds of thousands of people demonstrated in a large number of European cities against the brutality of austerity measures.

ETUC General Secretary Bernadette Ségol commented: ***"Europe's leaders should recognize the full magnitude of yesterday's European mobilisation. Some 50 trade union organisations from 28 countries participated actively in this day of action. It is impossible to pursue the path of austerity, which is a total failure. According to a recent report by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), the austerity measures implemented in Greece are leading to violations of fundamental rights. We need to change course immediately. The social situation is urgent."***

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) speaks with a single voice on behalf of the common interests of workers, at European level. Founded in 1973, it now represents 85 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, plus 10 industry-based federations.

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