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The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) today (18 November) expressed its deep concern at the heightening crisis in Bulgaria and its full support for the Confederation of Independent Trade Unions in Bulgaria (CITUB) and the Confederation of Labour Podkrepa in their efforts on behalf of Bulgarian working people and their families.

Against the background of months of growing public discontent at political mismanagement, the Bulgarian parliament has been discussing the budget law for 2014. The parliament's budget and finance committee will consider this in second reading on 20 November.

Constructive trade union proposals advanced in the National Council for Tripartite Co-operation, aimed at dealing with escalating poverty, unemployment, the degradation of public services, corruption and the fight against monopolies have fallen on deaf ears.

ETUC General Secretary Bernadette Ségol said: *"Bulgarian workers are being ill-served by the political elite. They deserve much better and it is high time that a new social contract be engaged, that observes the standards of probity and decency one would expect from a European member state. In the meantime, the ETUC will continue to extend its full support to our affiliates in Bulgaria in their actions on behalf of their members."*

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