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TO:

Teachers Union of Serbia, TUS
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Serbia

Solidarity with ETUCE member organisations in Serbia in their protest of 12 March - “Neither justice – nor money!”

Dear colleagues,

With this letter, ETUCE expresses its vigorous support to you, your affiliates, teachers, and other education personnel in the series of education sector protest actions in Serbia, beginning on 12 March 2022.

We firmly support this necessary step to remind the Serbian government officials about their direct responsibilities towards teachers, other education personnel and students.

As is well known, education is a universal key to exit crises and conflict situations, however, when it comes to the recognition of the hard work of those who are first in line shaping consolidated and democratic societies, government officials often tend to forget or take teachers' efforts for granted.

Thus, we- teachers, and other education personnel across Europe- are joining in your requests to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance asking them to:

- increase employees' salaries working at all levels of education by 15%.
- pay a solidarity assistance to every employee in the education sector, considering the deteriorated working conditions and the additional burden due to the pandemic.
- pay vacation bonuses and compensations for meal expenses during work.
- sign the Annexes of the Collective Agreements in the education sector.



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We do hope that the government representatives of the Republic of Serbia will demonstrate respect for the tremendous efforts that teachers and other education personnel in Serbia carry out every day.

In solidarity,



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