
APPEAL TO THE EU INSTITUTIONS

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CESI, their trade union representatives and EU public employees they represent,

given the importance of an efficient functioning of public administrations for our democracies, which are founded on welfare, development and protection of universal rights;

given that the austerity policies adopted by the EU member countries, in compliance with the European agreements and the constraints imposed by the EU institutions, have led to a gradual deterioration of public administrations and, consequently, of the quantity and quality of their services;

given that the reduction of the ability of public administration to meet the needs of citizens and businesses undermines social cohesion within the individual countries and produces a loosening of the ties within the EU

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that EU Institutions consider safeguarding the proper functioning of public administrations as a priority objective, not to be subordinated to any other principle;

that in the request and/or assessment of austerity or balanced budget amendment policies to member countries, the EU should clarify that in public balances there must not be spending cuts which may put at risk the proper performance of the public administration, by clearly reminding Member Countries that the public administration needs to have the necessary means to deliver appropriate services to citizens and businesses;

that member countries ensure adequate wages to public workers, possibly identifying minimum benchmarks to be met and used as a basis for remunerations and pay rises.