

Dear colleagues,

The members of 'Justice' & 'Security' trade councils of the European Confederation of Independent Trade Unions (CESI), support the Spanish workers active in CSIF and call upon the Spanish Government to facilitate the access to social and to trade union rights for all workers, in particular for those in the justice and security sectors.

Prison officers in Spain are on strike demanding a raise of their salaries to dignify the important role they play in a modern society, "equal pay for equal work" principle, professional classification review and health and security at work.

Nearly 85% of Spanish prison officers are on strike and this represents a strong call to the Spanish government to open negotiations and to listen to the claims prison officers make.

The members of the 'Justice' & 'Security' trade councils of the European Confederation of the Independent Trade Unions (CESI), support the claims CSIF has made and the way CSIF conducts this negotiation for better industrial relations. CESI underlines that international and European fundamental rights and freedoms comprise the freedom of association, the right to collective bargaining and the principle of non-discrimination ('equal pay for equal work'). These are inherent components of democracy and the rule of law that all EU state member should respect.