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To: The ETUCE Member Organisation in Greece: OLME and DOE

Subject: Solidarity with the ETUCE member organisations OLME and DOE in Greece

Dear colleagues,

In these times of grim uncertainty about the future of Greece and its people, ETUCE expresses its full solidarity with OLME and DOE, and their members.

While the Greek government and its international creditors are once again at the table to come to terms and find a way out of the devastating economic and social situation of Greece that has its main cause in the austerity policies imposed on the country by the ECB, the EC and the IMF. ETUCE calls on the European Finance Ministers to end this social and humanitarian crisis.

Thousands of teachers and students have been hit hard by the severe impact of the drastic cuts in the public sector and the entire education system. What is more, with the temporary closure of the banking system, teachers' salaries cannot be paid, university loans cannot be granted and parents are unable to support their children studying in universities in Greece and abroad.

As the pressure on your organisations' strength and endurance is increasing to an almost unbearable level, ETUCE calls on political leaders to stop rigid prescriptions and appeals to them to take the necessary measures that support the return of continuous economic growth to your country. It is now high time to reach a socially fair and economically viable agreement that renders the debt sustainable.

In your determination to defend your members, public services and education, you have the wholehearted support of ETUCE.

In solidarity,

Martin Rømer
European Director