



Full solidarity with the workers on strike at NEXEN Tire!

On behalf of the Workers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee, I would like to express my full support and solidarity with our colleagues in the Czech Republic, [currently on indefinite strike](#). The company has so far refused any attempt to sign any collective agreement and engage in collective bargaining, forsaking a fundamental social right in Europe. Workers of the company have been trying, unsuccessfully, to engage with management since 2021. The very fact that this company has obtained record profits and received public money from the Czech government and from the EU, while at the same time ignoring inflation in considering workers' wages (and effectively lowering them), is all the more outrageous.

As President of the Workers' Group, I wish all the strength to the factory workers and to our colleagues at CMKOS present in the strike, and I hope the company reconsiders its position, which ignores fundamental rights and undermines the European social model. With the determination of fighting the good fight, I am sure the workers at NEXEN will succeed.

I call as well to all our colleagues in the trade union movement to support the struggle, as they are defending our rights as workers and citizens in the European Union, and their fight is also our fight. I also reiterate our demand to the European Commission to come up with a European framework on workers' rights to participate in companies in the management and decision-making processes of companies.

In solidarity,

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