

Brussels, 29 September 2020

**Ref: ETF support and solidarity for national strike**

Dear Comrades,

On behalf of the 5 million transport workers represented by the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF), we send solidarity for the legitimate and justified national strike of public transport employees on 29 September 2020.

When employers refuse to cooperate and negotiate fair working conditions through collective bargaining, then it's up to workers and unions to show them their strength and fight for their rights.

ver.di has been calling for a national framework collective bargaining agreement since March, and VKA has spoken out against negotiations despite your justified demands: Relief for 87,000 employees, adequate compensations for unavoidable burdens and the end to unequal treatment across federal states. Given the difficult situation of public transport nationwide and 20 years of austerity at the expense of employees' well-being. Enough is enough. It's time for those 87.000 transport workers to be treated fairly!

We hope that employers take heed and will listen to your demands. We wish your national strike every success. Let us hope that it shows the strength of our movement and the validity of our demands - for a fairer public transport sector in Germany!

In Solidarity,



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Acting General Secretary