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Dear friends,

### **Solidarity and Condolences following the Córdoba Rail Disaster**

On behalf of the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) and its member unions across Europe, we extend our deepest condolences and heartfelt solidarity to our Spanish colleagues, to the families and loved ones of those who lost their lives and to all those injured in the horrific rail accident that struck in Córdoba on 18 January 2026.

We convey our sympathy to the families, friends and colleagues of those who lost their lives, as well as to all those who were injured. Our thoughts are also with the railway workers and emergency services who responded in difficult circumstances and are working tirelessly to evacuate all.

This accident underlines once again the importance of the highest safety standards in rail transport. A thorough, transparent and independent investigation into the causes of the incident is needed to establish responsibility where appropriate and to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

The safety of both passengers and transport workers must always be the highest priority in our sector. ETF stands in solidarity with Spanish railway workers and their unions in defending safety, working conditions and the protection of both workers and the public. Please do not hesitate to count on our support in the period ahead.

In solidarity,



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