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## Trade union FSSR faced with serious opposition from government in Romania

Eurofedop's member organisation FSSR (Federația „Solidaritatea Sanitară” din România) informs us of initiatives taken by its new national government (in power since December 2020) to seriously hinder its trade union activities.

Following protests organised by the trade union since the beginning of the year to demand the execution of salary increases that had been agreed by the government for an important part of the health care workforce of the country, the national government has adopted an attitude against trade unions and health care workers.



The government claims that salaries are too high (compared to the private sector) and has started a campaign to damage the image of health care workers. Moreover, it tries to dismantle the activity of trade unions by refusing to reserve part of the salary for the functioning of trade unions. In addition to giving the public misinformation about the total number of health care workers that have already been vaccinated against COVID-19 (much more than actually happened), it shows no respect for the difficulties that health care workers are currently facing in the fight against the coronavirus (including the loss of lives of health care workers, more than 100 up to now).

**Eurofedop has sent a letter of support to FSSR to express its solidarity** with the difficult period that the trade union is currently faced with. Instead of fighting against each other, social partners should work together for finding solutions with the aim of reaching the same goal. It makes a strong appeal to the government of Romania for not rejecting the dialogue and looking together with the trade union for finding a way to get out of this unsound situation, which serves no one's cause.

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