

## UATUC

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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you to express the support of EPSU for your campaign to stop the increase in retirement age to 67 and to call for changes to the second pillar and rules on early retirement.

EPSU is the European trade union federation for public service workers with over eight million members in 49 countries, including our five affiliates in Croatia.

We understand that the trade unions' have attempted to put forward alternative pension policies but that these have been ignored in the consultations or blocked in parliament. We have written to the Prime Minister and Minister of Labour calling on them to stop their pension reforms and sit down with the trade unions to undertake a proper process of negotiation.

We fully back your referendum campaign and note the successes you have had in the past to reach out to voters and win a majority in support of your arguments. Judging by the scale of the national mobilisation last October and the unity of the unions on this issue, you will rapidly reach the 10% threshold for the referendum.

Yours in solidarity,

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