

AOB · Algemene Onderwijsbond

Utrecht, February 9, 2018

Dear Colleagues of SVIZ/ESTUS,

The Algemene Onderwijsbond expresses his great concern about the actual situation in Slovenia, where the teaching profession is under threat. To our knowledge, the education sector has been facing severe austerity measures, and the salaries of teachers at all levels of education and at all career levels remain below the average of their colleagues in member states of the OECD . Salaries of teachers are also greatly lagging behind salaries of comparable professions in the public sector.

We are of the opinion that the teaching profession is very much undervalued. Teachers deserve better, not only from the point of view of social justice, but also because well rewarded and well supported teachers are key to quality education, and without quality education, there is no way forward for a country.

We therefore support your justified actions to

- improve the status of teachers,
- invest in the professional development of teachers,
- ensure that teachers receive adequate payment for their responsible and demanding work,
- increase investment in education.

We wish you a successful strike on February 14.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liesbeth Verheggen', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Liesbeth Verheggen,
President