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Dear Branimir, dear colleagues from ESTUS,

In the name of the German Education Union GEW I want to express our sympathy and solidarity with the demands of your union for better pay and higher wages of teachers in Slovenia.

Your education system in Slovenia has shown good results, despite persisting and severe cuts in public spending for education. This is due to the fact that teachers in Slovenia are education professionals with high personal commitment. Therefore they deserve respect and appreciation and decent pay.

Teachers salaries in Slovenia are not only below the OECD average, they are also lagging behind salaries of comparable professions in Slovenia. Therefore it is only fair to remind your government of its responsibility to invest in education, to strengthen the status of teachers and to make the teaching profession more attractive by increasing teacher salaries and improving professional development of teachers.

Your demands are justified and appropriate. We are in solidarity with you. We wish you a great participation and success for your national teacher strike on February 14, 2018.

Sincerely,



Marlis Tepe  
President



Andreas Keller  
Vice President