



САМОСТОЕН СИНДИКАТ ЗА ОБРАЗОВАНИЕ, НАУКА  
И КУЛТУРА НА РЕПУБЛИКА МАКЕДОНИЈА  
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To

Branimir Štrukelj

General secretary of SVIZ

The Independent Trade Union of Education, Science and Culture of the Republic of Macedonia, in the name of its 30,000 members, sends a letter of support to the fraternal trade union for education, science and culture of the Republic of Slovenia - SVIZ, in which we are giving our full support for their correct decision for undertaking a legitimate trade union means, such as the strike, for exercising the social rights of the workers.

SONK understands the social position of educational, cultural and scientific workers in Slovenia, where their salaries are below the average salary in the state, as well as lower salaries in comparison with similar or the same jobs in other public sector jobs, in fact, the same or similar situation as in the Republic of Macedonia.

Namely, as you are informed also SONK within the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Macedonia on 17<sup>th</sup> January this year, organized a public protest where was expressed the dissatisfaction with the amount of salaries in education, science and culture.

Knowing your strength as a trade union organization, from which SONK was receiving great support for many decades in the most difficult moments of our working, under the leadership of the world trade union leader Branimir Štrukelj, we are sure that you will endure in your demands, which will lead to increasing the wages in the activities you cover. This will mean for us a bigger motive to continue our struggle for the realization of greater social rights, including higher wages and additional wage payments.

SONK once again gives you full support in your activities and we are sure that you will achieve your set goals from this activity from which you will come out with positive results.

Also, we are convinced that the Government of the Republic of Slovenia will accept fully your requirements and will prove with that without the stimulated and rewarded educational, cultural and scientific workers there is no national prosperity of the state.

With trade union greetings, on behalf of the members of SONK.

President

Jakim Nedelkov