



Resolution in support of the PKP Cargo Workers

Whereas

- The ETF has been informed by the National Railway Section NSZZ Solidarność about the critical situation in the state-owned PKP Cargo and its subsidiaries, where 30 per cent of its workforce has been furloughed for a period of 12 months and their income drastically reduced to 60 per cent of their average wages
- The measures imposed by the management in an authoritarian manner disproportionately affect only a part of the PKP Cargo workforce and the proposals of the trade unions for a fair sharing of the burden remain unanswered
- There is a lack of long-term vision as the proposed measure will result in a shortage of qualified staff

The ETF Executive Committee meeting on 4 – 5 June 2024:

- **Reminds** that, in view of similar problems in France and Germany, this is not an isolated incident but rather a symptom of a lack of support to rail cargo by the national and European decision-makers and an unfounded trust in liberalisation that takes priority over effective railway policies
- **Expresses** its full solidarity with the National Railway Section NSZZ Solidarność and the workers of PKP Cargo and its subsidiaries
- **Recalls** the critical role of rail transport in shaping Europe's sustainable future; despite these benefits, the railway sector continues to face numerous challenges, including underinvestment and a lack of political will to prioritize rail in the development of Europe's transport system
- **Calls upon** the management of PKP Cargo to engage in constructive dialogue with the trade unions to find a socially acceptable solution for the workers in view of the financial crisis
- **Urges** the Polish government and in particular the Minister of Transport to support the consolidation of PKP Cargo as a leading rail cargo company in Poland and organise a tripartite meeting between the trade unions, management and the government

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