



## ETF Stands in Solidarity with EVG in Their Fight for Fair Wages, Respect, and a Strong Future for Rail

The European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) stands in full solidarity with our colleagues at the Eisenbahn- und Verkehrsgewerkschaft (EVG) as they take action on 3 February 2025 in Berlin to demand fair wages, respect for shift work, and long-term investment in rail.

Rail workers across Europe provide an essential public service, ensuring safe and reliable transport for both passengers and freight. Their demands for better pay, improved working conditions, and job security are not only justified but necessary to maintain a well-functioning and sustainable railway sector. A fair and stable working environment is key to attracting and retaining skilled workers in the industry, which benefits society as a whole. Plans for the dismantlement of Europe's largest rail freight operator are a disaster not only for railway workers but also for the climate and Europe's industries.

ETF supports EVG's call for a commitment to stronger investment in rail infrastructure and working conditions that reflect the dedication and professionalism of railway workers. The challenges facing the sector require long-term solutions that prioritise both workers and the future of rail transport, rather than short-term cost-cutting measures.

As European rail unions, we stand together: Railway workers deserve fair treatment, and their role in delivering sustainable mobility must be recognised. We urge policymakers and employers to engage in constructive dialogue with workers and their representatives to ensure fair outcomes for all.

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