



APPEAL FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF TURKEY AND SYRIA

The terrible earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria on the night of 5-6 February devastated entire cities, leaving more than 40,000 dead and thousands displaced.

On 15 February 2023, UNI Europa approved a declaration of solidarity with the earthquake victims, which we, as the trade unions, agree with and strongly support.

The Turkish trade union movement was quick to provide aid and support to those most in need, with acts of concrete solidarity coming from many European trade unions. Several companies made their economic resources and infrastructure available to support the relief effort, often in cooperation with their employees and local trade unions. Workers from Turkey represent one of the largest groups within the European trade union movement, and across the continent the trade union movement was involved in welcoming Syrian refugees in 2015 by assisting them with labour market integration.

The earthquake had important consequences in terms of health and safety in the workplace, as numerous occupational accidents were reported due to psychosocial stress among workers.

Trade unions at the European level strongly called on the European Union and national governments to provide financial support for the relief efforts and reconstruction work, while respecting democratic principles and social rights by putting dialogue and respect for trade union rights at the centre.

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