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Distinguished recipients,

We have received information about the up-coming protest actions in Lithuania on the 3rd of December, to improve wages, working and social conditions and express discontent with the increasing social insecurity and growing income differences.

The situation in Europe in the wake of the crises has been difficult and it does not stop at national frontiers. The Baltic Sea Labour Network believes that if workers' rights are weakened all over Europe, this will impact purchasing power and aggravate the economic crisis further.

Instead of wrecking Europe with austerity policies, we need solutions based on solidarity and programs for growth and employment. Only by counteracting growing austerity and by investing in decent jobs and education can we counteract the tendencies towards growing insecurity and differences in income in the Baltic Sea region at large. Social welfare and fair treatment gives a solid ground to developing competitiveness in a globalized world.

We send you our best wishes in your work, developing well-functioning and fair labour markets in Lithuania and hope you listen to the problems presented to you during the protest actions on the 3d of December.

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