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The TEEU supports Greek Electrical Workers facing enforced Privatisation

The Executive Council of the Technical, Engineering and Electrical Union met last evening and expressed real concern for Greek trade unions and Greek electrical workers in particular, while condemning the disposal of the assets of the public electricity supply utility as demanded by the EU, ECB and IMF.

Greece approved a reform bill on Wednesday that paved the way for the sale of nearly a third of its biggest power producer. This move is being resisted by workers and the main opposition politicians, who want at least 51 percent of the state-owned Public Power Corporation to remain in public ownership.

The plan to privatise PPC, which is one of the main power producers in Greece, as part of Greece's efforts to 'liberalise' its energy market is one of the conditions demanded by its European Union and IMF creditors before they disburse the next tranche of Greece's €240 billion bailout. The plan would lead to higher tariffs for Greeks struggling to make ends meet and result in fewer jobs.

The TEEU furthermore rejects xenophobia in all its forms, particularly as it has manifested itself in the comments of some representatives of the EU institutions, who seek to justify crippling austerity measures by suggesting that the Greek people are undeserving of support from other workers within the EU.

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