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THE FIFTH GENERAL STRIKE STOPPED ONCE AGAIN THE BASQUE COUNTRY

Last 26 September the Basque Country came to a standstill and thousands of people demonstrated on the streets to protest against the neoliberal policies and cuts decided by the Spanish and Basque Governments and other administrations.

The aim of the protest was to demand a profound change of the economic and social policies. The strike, the fifth since 2009, was very successful. A majority of workers of companies throughout the public and private sector went on strike, and the demonstrations in

the streets were the biggest in the last years.

This general strike –called by the trade unions ELA, LAB, ESK, STEE-EILAS, EHNE, HIRU, CGT and CNT and many other social movements– has made clear that the people are fed up with the policies of continuous cuts, that are impoverishing more and more the population.

The strike and rallies that took place on 26 September are a new step in the joint response being given in the last years by the

unions and social movements calling the protest.

This approach to denounce the anti-social policies and defend a new socio-political status quo is arousing growing interest in the Basque society. The great number and diversity of social collectives that are working with the struggling unions in the Basque Country give a strong support to the plural movement that offers an alternative project. That is to say unemployed people, young, students, women... willing to carry on along this path.

PHOTOS OF THE GENERAL STRIKE

