

48-hour strike announced by Italian freight unions for December

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Three major Italian unions -Filt Cgil, Fit Cisl, and Uiltrasporti- have announced a 48-hour strike for freight transport, logistics, and shipping workers.

The strike, scheduled for 9 and 10 December 2024, aims to push for progress in negotiations over the renewal of the National Collective Labour Agreement for Logistics, Freight Transport, and Shipping, which expired on 31 March 2024.

In a joint statement released on 12 November, the unions accused employers' associations of taking "extremist positions" that halted negotiations. Key union demands include better working hours, enhanced health and safety measures, reductions in precarious employment, and improved conditions for road transport workers.

The unions highlighted the economic significance of the sector, which employs approximately one million workers and contributes around 10% of Italy's GDP. They argue that "this wealth must also be redistributed to workers" by ensuring stable employment, inflation-adjusted wages, and improved work-life balance.

The strike will involve personnel across freight transport, logistics, and shipping, with union leaders urging for a fair resolution to the disputes.

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