



Union des Finanzpersonals
in Europa

To the
Member Unions of UFE

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UFE Press Conference in Paris on 13 April 2012

Dear colleagues,

the tax and customs administrations in the member states of UFE are increasingly facing drastic deteriorations of their working conditions, in particular massive pay cuts. There are also massive interventions in core areas of the freedom of union activity, in particular in the freedom of expression.

The causes for the budget deficits, which are to be compensated with savings in public services, on the other hand, are not combated. Thus, the possibility to generate revenues with uniform and complete tax enforcement remains unused. The fight against tax evasion and the closure of tax loopholes, too, are only tackled insufficiently.

On these and further complexes of themes, the Presiding Board of UFE will hold a press conference in Paris on 13 April 2012, with influential representatives of the media participating.

Due to the feedback in the media of this Paris press conference, we also expect enquiries of journalists at your union. We will therefore transmit a press release prepared by the President of UFE Serge Colin to you in time, with information about UFE, the situation at individual tax and customs administrations in Europe, the forms of tax fraud, personnel cuts, cooperations between the administrations, etc.

Please ensure availability of the representatives of your union for representatives of the media that day.

Thank you very much for your effort in advance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zender', written in a cursive style.

Rafael Zender
General Secretary of UFE