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Since the last meeting of FEMS last October, there were no significant changes in the situation of Portugal.

On 17 May terminate the Program for Economic and Financial Aid troika and the Government has announced that, as Ireland, Portugal will choose a "clean out", not because the situation is significantly resolved, but by imposition of Europe.

Indeed, the policy of austerity at all costs imposed by the Troika reached all the middle class, but essentially civil servants and pensioners; on the other hand, unemployment skyrocketed to numbers never before achieved, which has led, on the one hand, the massive emigration of young people with college degrees, and on the other an increasing number of unemployed over 50 years that hardly will return to join the labor market; These measures led to the destruction of the industrial base, particularly small and medium enterprises who live domestic trade, who can not resist to break the purchasing power of people, despite faint signs of recovery in recent quarters.

The public debt, which at the entrance of the Troika was around 80% of GDP, is currently in 131%, which, coupled with high interest rates that the country is funded places serious doubts about the ability to meet its obligations.

In health, remain more or less generalized and blind cuts.

The Government has announced a restructuring of the public hospital network that will, to be implemented, the closure of services, including maternity.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiated between unions and the Government Medical in October 2012, is being implemented with great resistance from the government, they discover all kinds of ploys to try to boycott it.

Moreover, they intensify the persecution of trade unionists doctors, already with one case of dismissal of a union leader.

The two Unions (FNAM and SIM) remain united in the defense of physicians, against the arbitrariness of management and the enforcement of respect for what has been agreed.