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**Semi-annual report of the Trade Union of Physicians and Dentists of Slovenia FIDES
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In autumn 2014, following early parliamentary elections, Slovenia got a new Government, and therefore a new Minister of Health. During the last years, practically nothing has changed in the field of health care. The promised much needed reforms were put away in a drawer, public health care institutions are in the red, doctors and other health care professionals are low in numbers and thus overburdened, salaries are frozen, new employments are halted due to austerity measures which have continued for several years now etc. Despite this, we have cherished hopes that things would finally change for the better, that at least we would open up a dialogue and preferably start resolving the heaped-up problems. However, we were wrong and during the last six months things have not changed one bit. There was no dialogue with the Lady-Minister despite repeated incentives from our side. Doctors have prepared a document which would provide a really good basis for the much needed reforms but the ministry refused to comment on it.

In such a negative atmosphere, the doctors of the FIDES trade union were forced to take the initiative and announced a warning strike of one hour, which was also staged on 22 April 2015. Our requirements are the following: enforcement of standards and norms for the doctor's work and better remuneration of the doctor's work. Both requirements are intertwined and urgently require reforms in order for them to be fulfilled, for which we also have a solution at hand.

It seems that the threat of strike and the increased pressure exerted by the trade union were successful and things are taking a turn for the better but for the time being there have been no assurances given that changes would in fact be made.

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