Trade unions satisfied with decision of Secretary of State Keijzer to enable merger between Sandd and PostNL in the Netherlands

On 27/09, it was announced that, in accordance with the advice of Secretary of State Keijzer, the cabinet has given its approval to a merger between Sandd and PostNL. The trade unions Bond van Post Personeel (BVPP), FNV and CNV are particularly pleased with the fact that, through this decision, the cabinet has taken account of the interests of collaborators in the postal sector. Considering the continuously worsening situation of companies in this sector, the decision has not come one second too early.

In the past two years, the trade unions have not ceased launching a call for making it possible for the postal parties to combine their networks and join their forces. This in the conviction that, in a strongly shrinking postal market, this solution will lead to decent working conditions for all postal staff and it will allow to deal in a socially justified way with the consequences of a further shrinking postal sector.

The trade unions underline that, in their view, the decision to enable the merger is a sign of clear vision. It is good that not a decision has been made for a “secure”, strictly legislative-technical approach, but explicitly for a broad consideration of all elements, including finally also the position of the sector’s collaborators. With this decision, accidents, which would have quickly led to massive dismissals, have been avoided.

The trade unions now assume that all impediments have been removed to achieve a merger with a good social regulation. The next step is of course that the companies indicate whether and if so how they will give shape to the integration of the networks. The trade union organisations wish the companies much success with the realisation of the integration and will critically follow the process to find out if the social promises have been kept.

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