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Police demonstration in Bulgaria

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Eurofedop supported the action through its member organisation SNPPC (Romania), which took part in the demonstration with 50 delegates under the direction of Toader Paraschiv, member of Eurofedop's Executive Committee.

Last year, TUFEMI was created, the Trade Union Federation for Employees of the Ministry of the Interior of Bulgaria, to represent the interests of police officers in this country.

However, the Government refuses to fully recognise the trade union and have talks with the trade union's representatives about matters which concern the police. Moreover, cases are known where trade union members have been victim of harassment.

When the Government announced that part of the (already low) salary of police officers would be withheld to pay the police officers' health insurances, the trade union decided to go out on the street and protest.

TUFEMI claims :

- to be fully recognised as partner by the Ministry of the Interior,
- protection for trade union leaders,
- fight against crime (and feeling of insecurity among the citizens) by providing the necessary means to the Police so that they can adequately fulfil their tasks,
- increase of the police officers' basic salary.



Toader Paraschiv: SNPPC (Romania) / Board member Eurofedop

After the demonstration, the protesters were received by the President of the Bulgarian Parliament who promised that she would do all she could in her position to effect necessary legislative changes.