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INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION SUPPORT FOR WORKERS IN SHIPYARDS

During today's discussion with **Vedran Dragičević**, SMH Acting President, the General Secretary of the European Metalworkers' Federation, **Peter Scherrer**, supported all trade union activities undertaken by the Metalworkers' Trade Union of Croatia (SMH) towards the Croatian Government with the aim of saving Croatian shipyards.

He pointed out that there are problems and crisis in all European countries which have shipbuilding industry, but the situation in Croatia is specific, first of all because Croatian shipbuilding is the key industry in metal sector and its destruction would also mean the destruction of about 2,000 other small companies which employ about 40,000 workers.

Scherrer supported Croatian metalworkers in their demands directed towards the Government to adopt a plan of industrial development for Croatia and to implement an active industrial policy as well as in their attempts to save shipbuilding industry which influences the whole Croatian economy. The EMF will make the voice of Croatian metalworkers heard in Brussels, in the European Commission and in the European Parliament, because the Croatian shipbuilding is a key industry not just for Croatia but for the whole Europe!

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