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First regional round of collective bargaining postponed without result. Second round of negotiations to be continued at federal level.

From 15 to 26 April, nine regional wage negotiations (Tarifverhandlungen) took place between the IGBCE and the employers' associations for our members in the chemical industry. The employers evoked a crisis round of collective bargaining. They see zero room for maneuver regarding income increases. "A pay rise means job cuts" was the tenor. They also continue to reject regulations for the betterment of our members - they even threatened that some employers might leave the associations. They only saw room for maneuver when it came to modernising the Federal Collective Wage Agreement (Bundesentgelttarifvertrag), "if it costs nothing".

"This blockade attitude is poisonous for the attractiveness of the chemical industry and calls into question the social partnership model that has been successful to date," said Oliver Heinrich, member of IGBCE's executive board responsible for collective bargaining (Tarifvorstand). "The employers must make clear progress on all three points and put a negotiable offer on the table".

Our demand remains:

- 1. 7% increase in income for our members.
- 2. Collective agreements for the appreciation and betterment of our members.
- 3. Modernisation of the federal collective wage agreement (Bundesentgelttarifvertrag) to create attractive development opportunities for our members.

Following the conclusion of the regional rounds, the negotiations at federal level were postponed. The second round of collective bargaining will take place in Teistungen on 14/15 May.

The collective bargaining round is not only taking place in the negotiating venues, it is also taking place in your companies. Take part in the collective bargaining actions. Support your IGBCE for a successful bargaining round!

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