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Dear Martin,
Dear EVG colleagues,

ETF stands with EVG after the tragic killing of Serkan C.

It is with profound sorrow and deep sympathy that we at the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) learned of the tragic death of your colleague, Serkan C., a 36-year-old conductor who was fatally attacked by a passenger during a routine ticket inspection on a regional train in Germany. The senseless loss of a fellow transport worker in the course of carrying out his duties fills us with immense sadness.

Our thoughts are with the family, friends and co-workers of Serkan during this incredibly difficult time. We share your grief and stand in solidarity with you and all EVG members who have been affected by this terrible event.

In honour of the life and service of your colleague, we observed a minute of silence today at 15:00 during the European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee meeting together with representatives from CER, in recognition of his sacrifice and contribution to the rail sector. We hope that this act symbolises our respect, unity and shared mourning.

We want to express our full support for EVG's efforts and demands to ensure that such a tragedy never happens again. It is a stark reminder of the unacceptable violence faced by transport workers and the urgent need to strengthen protections and safety measures so that every worker can perform their duties without fear for their life or well-being.

Please be assured that ETF stands firmly with EVG and its members in calling for decisive action through dialogue with decision-makers, employers and all relevant stakeholders. Our collective commitment to improving the safety and security of railway personnel is unwavering.

With deepest sympathy and solidarity,

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