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Suspensions are not an appropriate means of conducting social dialogue EuroCOP strongly condemns suspension of police trade union president in Portugal

"Suspending an acting trade union president from service in the police is unacceptable," says EuroCOP President Heinz Kiefer in reaction to the recent suspension of the President of the Portuguese Police Union SINAPOL.

The suspension has drawn heavy criticism also among legal professionals in Portugal and is raising concerns throughout Europe about the apparent lack of substance of social dialogue in Portugal.

Kiefer: "We urge the administration to reconsider what we see as a premature decision that will not solve any of the difficulties the police in Portugal is facing today."

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