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ITALIAN SCHOOL UNION SAESE APPEALS TO COUNCIL OF EUROPE: STRIKE COMMISSION APPLIES AUTOMATIC FILTER TO CENSOR SCIENCE

Open Letter to the Commissioner for Human Rights denounces restrictions on trade union autonomy under the Meloni Government. Scientific studies from BMC Microbiology rejected by the national authority.

ROME, ITALY / STRASBOURG, FRANCE – August 20, 2026 – The Sindacato Autonomo Europeo Scuola ed Ecologia (SAESE) has issued an official Open Letter to the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights. The communication requests formal confirmation of receipt regarding a systemic complaint filed against Italian national administrative authorities. The dossiers, transmitted via the Council of Europe's official online platform on August 10 and August 13, 2026, denounce severe restrictions on trade union autonomy, dialogue regarding strike motivations, and the state of informational transparency within the Italian public education sector.

THE SCIENTIFIC CASE AND THE "AUTOMATIC FILTER"

The international appeal was triggered by the conduct of the Italian Strike Guarantee Commission. The national administrative authority admitted to applying a "consolidated and repetitive orientation" to reject the union's arguments. This established a repetitive, automatic filter that denies SAESE a case-by-case evaluation.

Specifically, the Commission rejected updated international scientific literature submitted by the union. The deposited documentation included peer-reviewed studies published by the prestigious journal *BMC Microbiology*, focusing on the biological correlations between blood types, gut microbiome composition, and immune response. By refusing to evaluate the merits of the scientific papers and instead applying a rigid bureaucratic automation, the Authority violated the fundamental principle of democratic adversarial proceedings.

TRADE UNION STATEMENT

"We are facing a dangerous and opaque administrative precedent under the current Executive," stated the SAESE International Legal Secretariat. "The Commission did not challenge the scientific validity of BMC Microbiology; they simply applied a preventive bureaucratic filter to avoid reading the documents. A regulatory guarantee body cannot transform itself into an organ of censorship"



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against merit and science. For this reason, we have brought this matter before both the Public Prosecutor's Office in Rome and the Council of Europe."

PORTAL TECHNICAL LIMITATIONS

Due to technical limitations of the European institutional portal, the online submission form did not issue an automated tracking receipt, nor does it allow direct uploads of heavy file attachments. SAESE bypassed this issue by providing public digital links to the unedited administrative acts, which include full legal summaries, official protocol numbers, and critical admissions from the Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers. Given the upcoming timelines of the academic calendar, SAESE publicly requests the Commissioner's Office to acknowledge receipt and confirm the retrieval of the target PDF documents to ensure timely processing.

About SAESE

SAESE (Sindacato Autonomo Europeo Scuola ed Ecologia) is an innovative digital-first trade union representing over 26,000 education workers across Italy. The organization has a documented history of institutional advocacy, including launching national strikes to secure anti-mobbing legislation and successfully expanding paid leave policies via European legal frameworks.

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