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”This is very unfortunate for our cooperation within the trade unions in the industry.”

Stefan Löfven, IF Metall president, says when commenting the newly signed agreement between the white-collar union ”Unionen” and Swedish Association of Graduate Engineers and the employers.

On Friday evening, March 19, it became clear that Unionen and Swedish Association of Graduate Engineers have signed a collective agreement with the employer’s organization Teknikföretagen.

“We will continue to negotiate and put forward our demands that we have jointly agreed upon. But, of course we are disappointed” says Stefan Löfven.

During the day, the Food Workers Union announced on industrial action against the employer organization, the Swedish Food Federation. Stefan Löfven says that the cooperation between the LO unions within the industry remains good.

“We update each other regularly on the development of our negotiations.”

The impartial chairmen have made the assessment that IF Metall and its employers are not sufficiently close to each other in order to propose a comprehensive proposal.

“This is about wages and the circumvention of the preferential right to reemployment, but particularly on the duration of the national agreements.” Stefan Löfven explains.

Facts

The Swedish Unions within Industry

The partnership between the industrial unions incorporates the unions that have signed the Cooperation Agreement on Industrial Development and Wage Formation. The six unions are: The Swedish Association of Graduate Engineers, Unionen, The Swedish Foodworkers’ Union, IF Metall, The Swedish Paper Workers’ Union, and The Swedish Forest & Woodworkers’ Union.