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IF Metall's response to the length of the agreement period

Today, 10 March, IF Metall and the other unions in the industry have responded to the draft that the associations collected from the impartial chairpersons (Opo) yesterday.

"At the moment, things are too uncertain for a three-year industrial agreement, which was what Opo's draft consisted of. Regardless of the length of the agreement, the important thing is that it has the right content: salary increases, provisions for part-time pensions and extra money for those with the lowest wages," says IF Metall's chairperson Marie Nilsson.

The first meeting with the impartial chairpersons (Opo) has been held. That was one of several meetings to be held in March on the path to new agreements when the current ones expire on 31 March. When the national bargaining agreement process enters March, which is also known as "Opo month", the parties to the Industrial Agreement have set up rules about extra support during the negotiations.

"The negotiations are in full swing but Opo and fixed time frames mean that both sides, the unions and the employers, must move forward to reach new agreements," IF Metall's agreement secretary Veli-Pekka Säikkälä explains.

Terminable and correct content

The first meeting usually concerns a draft or a proposal regarding the length of the agreement period, and that was the case this time as well.

"The starting point for our agreement demands is a one-year agreement. But today, we and the other FI associations see that we can go along with a two-year agreement," says Veli-Pekka Säikkälä, but then adds:

"But that is on condition that the second year of the agreement is terminable and, of course, the content of the agreement must be correct."

There will now be a couple of very intensive weeks for the various negotiating delegations. There will be a few more meetings with Opo, all in accordance with the rules in the Industrial Agreement.

Facts:

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