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**Why IF Metall says no to the first wage offer:
No allocations to part-time pensions. No low-wage effort.
A total contract value of 5.9 per cent over three years.**

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Neither an expansion of part-time pensions or a low-wage effort were included in the first wage offer that was received on Sunday from the impartial chairmen.

“Today, we consequently rejected this wage offer,” says IF Metall’s Association Chairman Anders Ferbe.

No part-time pension and no low-wage effort were two out of three factors that meant that IF Metall’s and the other industrial unions’ answer was no. The third factor is the total value of the wage offer. “The contract value of 5.9 per cent is far too low,” says Anders Ferbe.

On Friday, 31 March, the agreements expire for eight out of IF Metall’s major agreement areas. On Saturday, 1 April, there will be a state of having no agreement - unless the parties agree.

For their part, the employers remain firm in their demand for greater flexibility over working hours – and thereby also greater power over free time – now that the agreement negotiations are heading into the final stage.

“This is a very difficult situation. A lot of tough discussions await during the final negotiations in the next few days,” says Anders Ferbe.

Despite a no to the first wage offer earlier during Monday and the parties being far from each other, there is a clear goal for IF Metall.

“We have a definite intention that we will try to reach an agreement before 1 April, which will include possibilities to continue real wage increases, an allocation to part-time pensions and which also actually provides a low-wage effort,” says Anders Ferbe and continues:

“And we unequivocally reject the employers’ greater power over free time!”

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