



### **NFU considers purchasing power important; not yet any in-depth discussion with unions**

The NFU and the unions met today – October 4 – for the first time to discuss salary adjustments for employees in 2023. When the current cao was put in place, this step was agreed. The cao specifies following the consumer price index for annual salary increases and discussing any difficulties jointly as they arose.

For the NFU the employees' purchasing power is very important. This year prices have risen steeply, far more than anticipated. This is having an effect on the daily lives of our employees. The government is providing some compensation. The NFU wants to talk more with the unions about addressing the increased costs and about the purchasing power on the basis of being a good and realistic employer. So far, such an in-depth discussion has not taken place. Raising the salaries in line with the consumer price index will lead to difficulties with the umcs' operations. The unions do not currently recognise this and are sticking to the previously formulated criteria.

'Concerning the development in incomes, we want to give the employees clarity as soon as possible. It is important that our employees know what to expect. Our intention is to discuss this in detail with the unions,' stated Karen Kruijthof, member of the NFU-delegation, after the first talk. That has not yet happened, but it was agreed to meet again soon.