Subcontract workers,

Italy has experienced a years-long struggle that has so very much to do with you. It is logistic workers' struggle, most of whom are immigrant people.

Really, this struggle should be important to you as logistic workers have been fighting against semi-slavery conditions so very similar to yours at the shipyard; they rebelled against precarious short-term jobs and they have risen against non-payment of wages, collective agreements violations and mafia infiltration in the procurement system ruled by cooperatives. These problems they've had to face sound all so similar to shipyard workers', doesn't they?

Fact is logistic workers have been able to stand up against those huge and powerful logistic companies like TNT, DHL, Ikea, Granarolo, Lega Coop, SDA, GLS, BRT and the like. And they have won: they've obtained sound improvements in wage levels and working hours, and they have now their contracts more respected and stable than before.

Well, how did they get it? They won by making workers of different countries join the fight – people from Asia, Middle-East, Eastern Europe and Italians, no matter where they were from, they have always got united. They've won because they self-organized within Si-Cobas Union. They've won because of their strong and resolute strikes.

Logistic workers' struggle has raised a crucial issue, which concerns all the workers employed in the subcontracting chain. It's about the recruiting of these workers directly by client companies. There is now a book and a DVD about this struggle - come and know about it on ...

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Some key men of logistic struggles will present the book

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