

Editorial

The ETUI is looking forward to the forthcoming ETUC Congress to be held from 29 September to 2 October. The venue for this important trade union event will be the historic *Maison de la Mutualité* in central Paris. Taking part in the Congress will be more than 500 national trade union delegates including the General Secretaries and/or Presidents of some 90 national trade union organisations from 39 European countries, 10 European sectoral trade union federations, and special guests from Europe and beyond.

At this gathering the ETUI will have a diverse and sophisticated stand at which to display its various publications and multimedia materials and to inform participants about the expertise and services it is offering. Besides the stand and the several presentations and book launches that will be held there, the ETUI is also organising lunchtime fringe events on organising, the new company organisation, and climate change. All delegates are welcome. You can find more information on the Congress on [the website of the ETUC](#).

Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI

Publications

Wage bargaining under the new European Economic Governance



Within the framework of the new European economic governance, neoliberal views on wages have further increased in prominence and have steered various reforms of collective bargaining rules and practices. As the crisis in Europe came to be largely interpreted as a crisis of competitiveness, wages were seen as the core adjustment variable for 'internal devaluation', the claim being that competitiveness could be restored through a reduction of labour costs.

Editors: Guy Van Gyes and Thorsten Schulten

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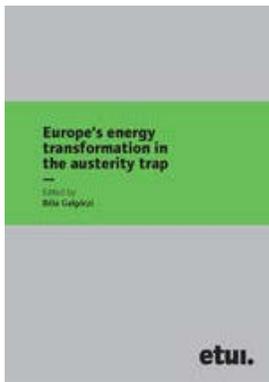
Europe's energy transformation in the austerity trap

Our planetary limits demand a radical transition from the energy-intensive economic model based on the

Events

Save the dates

- 23 September: Conference-debate - [Social developments in the European Union 2015](#).
- 14 October: *Symposium on China and labour* (with Université Saint-Louis).
- 15 October: Monthly Forum - *After Rana Plaza: regulating labour in garment supply chains*.
- 27 October: *Trade unions' seminar on the European unemployment benefit scheme* (with CEPS).
- 12 November: Monthly Forum - *Just transition in practice: challenges in greening old industrial regions*.
- 17 November: Book Launch - *Hard work in new jobs. The quality of work and life in European growth sectors*.
- 19-20 November: *EduDay and EduConf – Re-connecting workers with the EU project. Confronting populism and extremism*, Berlin.
- 25-26 November: ETUI/NERI workshop - *Fixing Europe's Public Debt*.
- 25-26 November: EWPC Conference - [Building Bridges: combining information, consultation and board-level employee representation in European multinationals](#).



extraction of finite resources, which has been dominant since the first industrial revolution, to a model that is both sustainable and equitable. In this book three country case studies highlight the different facets of the conflicts between sustainability and the EU's austerity policies, while additional light is thrown on the situation by an account of the lack of progress in achieving energy efficiency.

Editor: Béla Galgóczi

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The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP): a controversial agreement and dangerous for workers



This Working Paper on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) highlights the controversial benefits of speeding up free trade and places the negotiations between the EU and the US in the context of the fall-out of the financial crisis.

Author: Claude Serfati

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La voix des travailleurs dans la gouvernance d'entreprise : une perspective européenne

This report sets out the situation in relation to worker voice in corporate governance across Europe. It examines the differences and similarities in provisions on worker representation in corporate governance in different European countries, as well as

Recent events

Stewart Wood: 'the Fiscal Compact was a historic mistake'

During an ETUI lunch debate on 3 September on the 'New Politics of Inequality in Europe', Lord Stewart Wood spoke about the increase in austerity measures and the link with the escalation of inequality in Europe. In his view the Fiscal Compact was a historic mistake which allowed the Eurozone and the European Union to become a 'transfer state', based on mere redistribution while excluding all other options for macroeconomic solutions.

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3rd European Trade Union Workshop on Psychosocial Risks at Work

On 2 and 3 September, the ETUI organized in Malta, with the kind partnership of the ForUM Confederation of Maltese Unions, the 3rd European Trade Union Workshop on Psychosocial Risks at Work. The focus of this gathering was on building bridges with other professionals who are also dealing with psychosocial risks but from three different occupational standpoints, namely, the occupational physician, the labour inspector, and the lawyer.

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Other activities

- Two ETUI senior researchers participated in the 12th conference of the [European Sociological Association](#) which took place in Prague from 25 to 28 August 2015. Jan Drahoukoupil discussed new perspectives on pluridisciplinarity in Central and Eastern Europe at a pre-conference panel, and presented his research on Foxconn's employment system at a session of the research network 'Work, employment and industrial relations'. At another session of the same research network, Aline Conchon presented some findings of a survey she conducted with Jeremy Waddington on board-level employee representation, with a particular focus on the case of worker representation on European Companies' (SEs') boards.
- ETUI General Director Philippe Pochet is, together with Senior Researcher Béla Galgóczi, among the participants at this year's [ILERA World Congress](#) taking



EU regulations and Directives on the subject.

Author: Aline Conchon

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Towards a social-ecological transition. Solidarity in the age of environmental challenge

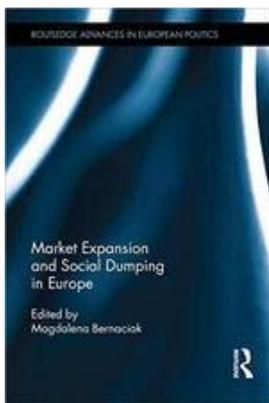


The primary aim of this short guide is to tie the ecological transition firmly to the simultaneous demand for social progress. As the authors see it, such social progress must be erected upon the tripod of equality, employment and social protection.

Authors: Éloi Laurent and Philippe Pochet

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Social dumping in Europe: decoding the discourse and elucidating the practices



As the crisis has become increasingly entrenched, the denunciation of social dumping has developed into a core feature of political discourse. Magdalena Bernaciak, a researcher at the ETUI, has edited a book that sets out to define the term and to delineate as objectively as possible the underlying realities.

Editor: Magdalena Bernaciak

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place from 7 to 11 September in Cape Town (Republic of South Africa). Philippe Pochet is the convenor of a special workshop on Routinized Crisis Management and will make a contribution on European Monetary Union and collective bargaining systems in Europe. Béla Galgóczi will give a presentation on EU labour migration during the crisis. Also participating are two ETUI associated researchers, Maarten Keune and Kevin O'Kelly.

- ETUI researcher Jan Drahokoupil chaired the opening discussion at [Prague Social Europe Conference](#) on 4 September 2015. Speakers at this high profile event included Czech Prime Minister Bohuslav Sobotka, former EU Commissioners László Andor and Vladimír Špidla, MEP Maria João Rodrigues, and the President of Czech-Moravian Confederation of Trade Unions Josef Středula.

Training

Verbal communication for effective TU action

Organised in partnership with Austrian ÖGB and AK Wien, the second edition of this course took place in Vienna on 17-19 June. Adopting a practical and concrete approach, the training was mainly aimed at providing participants with a toolbox for the sovereign use of the voice and the further development of their vocal skills as speakers. On this occasion, the manual 'Tools for effective trade union verbal communication' by Romeo Alavi Kia was published on the ETUI website.

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In the media

- Stan De Spiegelaere's contribution on the refugee crisis and the labour market in *De Tijd*: [Een flexibele arbeidsmarkt alleen helpt vluchtelingen niet](#), 8.09.2015.
- Torsten Müller was interviewed by *The Economist*: [Our turn to eat](#), 5.09.2015.
- Article with reference to the last *HesaMag* in *Le Vif*: [Le nouveau tax-shift nuira aux systèmes de santé](#), 30.08.2015.
- Stan De Spiegelaere's contribution in *Knack.be*:

Ten years of EU enlargement: what impact on the forces of labour in Central and Eastern Europe?

The latest issue of *Transfer*, the Research Quarterly of the ETUI's Research Department, aims at shedding some light on what ten years of enlargement have meant for labour in Central and Eastern Europe.

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1973-2013: 40 Jahre Europäischer Gewerkschaftsbund

The book on 40 years of history of the European Trade Union Confederation has been published in German.

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[Deeltijds werken: 'De keuzevrijheid van veel werknemers wordt overschat'](#), 17.08.2015.

- Stan De Spiegelaere cited by *De Morgen*: [Boerenbond kijkt tevreden toe hoe Boerensyndicaat het vuile werk opknapt](#), 31.07.2015.
- Stan De Spiegelaere on strikes in Turkish aviation sector in *Die Zeit*: [Abheben um jeden Preis](#), 30.07.2015.

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