

Editorial

The year 2016 has been a very productive one at the ETUI, as can be seen from the list of over 40 publications which you will find below.

We have given a special focus to the **digitalisation of work** and its impact on labour markets, producing three publications on this topic and successfully organising a [three-day high-level event](#) in Brussels which attracted more than 500 participants.

We also worked on the [European Pillar of Social Rights](#), delivering a critical legal analysis on the draft proposal from the European Commission.

Another point of focus has been minimum wages and wage convergence, with two working papers written on the topic: [‘What role can minimum wages play in overcoming the low-wage model in central and eastern Europe?’](#) and [‘Unit labour costs: no argument for low wages in eastern and central Europe’](#). In relation to this issue, the ETUC and its members will launch a campaign in 2017 on wages and collective bargaining in Europe.

If you wish to receive more information about our publications, please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) directly. All ETUI publications can be downloaded for free from our website www.etui.org.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a very productive and successful 2017!

Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI



With this year's chosen focus – ‘prepared for the future?’ – **the 2016 edition of Benchmarking working Europe** analyses the state of working Europe with the aid of a multi-level and multi-dimensional set of indicators.

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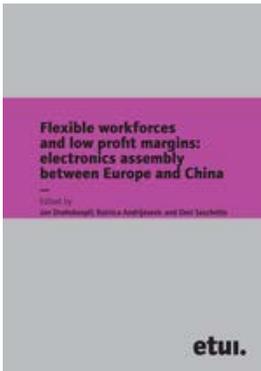


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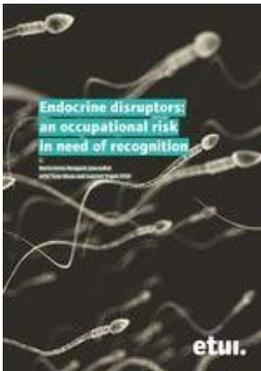
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