

Editorial

The network of trade union related research institutes (TURI) is holding its 10th annual conference this year. The initiative for creating a structural, non-thematic and long-term platform for formal contacts between institutes supporting the trade union movement across Europe came from the Hans Böckler Foundation and the ETUI, and the joint project saw light in 2007. The first inaugural meeting took place in Brussels, in February 2008, and gathered 25 institutes close to the European trade union movement.

Ten years later, the network has 32 full and 10 associated members and has become an important element of the European trade union movement. Although the institutes are heterogeneous in terms of size and areas of expertise, they all agree on the need to pool their knowledge and competences at a European level in order to better meet the needs of the trade unions today. TURI has succeeded in facilitating more and better collaboration between the research centres and many common projects have emerged as result of the better knowledge of each other that has resulted. Some examples of this are the CAWIE (Collectively Agreed Wages in Europe (I,II and III) project, the project EURIDE (Employee involvement in multinational companies), DECOBA (Decentralisation of collective bargaining during the years of the crisis in Europe), Solidarity in action - Employment rights, participation in social dialogue and increased membership in trade unions among Polish employees in the UK.

The network exchanges information at its annual conferences as well as via a mailing list and a regularly updated website. Recently, the [TURI website](#) has been integrated into the ETUI web portal which enables a better overview and interlinkages of the member profiles and other services that the ETUI is offering, such as Reforms Watch and the Collective Bargaining newsletter.

The 10th anniversary of the network will be marked at its annual conference which will take place in Berlin, from 16 to 18 May. The network will also actively participate in '[The World\(s\) of Work in Transition](#)' conference of the ETUI and ETUC at the end of June in Brussels by organising a panel on the challenges ahead for trade union related research in the light of the global transitions we face today.

Philippe Pochet, General director ETUI

Publications

Labour market policies in the era of pervasive austerity: A European perspective

This book investigates the changing patterns of labour market and

Drifting into labour market insecurity? Labour market reforms in Europe after 2010

This working paper examines the impact of fiscal austerity on EU labour market

unemployment policies in EU member states during the period since fiscal austerity took hold in 2010 during the deepest postwar recession in Europe.

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Tax justice in Europe: why does it matter for workers?

Tax avoidance by corporations is widespread in Europe and costs governments more than €70bn annually. This revenue loss, and the legal ramifications of strategies that multinational companies use to avoid paying taxes, starves public services of funding, limits the bargaining power of trade unions and undermines employee rights. This ETUI policy brief outlines the scale of the problem, describes some of the ways that corporations limit their tax liabilities, and suggests some practical solutions.

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policies. Using a case study approach, it examines: the extent of change in unemployment benefit levels and policies; the effect of this on groups of workers; and whether the logic of activation policies has shifted.

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The revised Shareholder Rights Directive 2017: policy implications for workers

The 2017 revised Shareholder Rights Directive gives shareholders a say on executive pay and requires institutional investors to improve shareholder engagement. Drawing on the experience of the UK, Europe's leading exponent of the shareholder model whose experience heavily influenced the Commission's thinking, this brief analyses the workings of the directive, discusses its implications for worker's rights and suggests how trade unions should respond.

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Job vacancy

The research department of the European Trade Union Institute is recruiting an economist for the unit 'European economic, employment and social policies'. Read the full job ad [here](#)

Deadline for application is 30 May 2018.

Events



ETUC/ETUI conference: The World(s) of Work in Transition

The draft programme will soon be available on the ETUI webpage. [Find more information here](#)

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New in Reforms Watch

[Italy: landmark agreement against irregular bargaining](#), 20/4

[Denmark: successful labour market integration policy attacked by populists](#), 16/4

[Austria: why the welfare state is competitive](#), 13/4

[Romania: law on teleworking approved](#), 13/4

[Working less for the same pay: Czech unions demand it, employers are not against it.](#), 28/3

Reports from recent events

[Book launch: 'Labour market policies in the era of pervasive austerity'](#), 24/3

[Trade unions reiterate their support for the directive on work-life balance](#), 17/4

In the media

3/4: [Grèves : la France championne en la matière ?](#), France 2

11/4: [Half uur minder werken per dag voor hetzelfde geld? Tsjechische vakbonden strijden ervoor](#), De Wereld morgen

18/4: ['Lonen blijven in heel Europa al jaren achter'](#), Algemeen Dagblad

19/4: [L'Europe a besoin d'une hausse des salaires: et elle en a les moyens](#), Le Soir

19/4: [Les augmentations salariales seraient deux fois plus élevées si elles avaient suivi la productivité](#), La Libre

19/4: [Wage increases should have been twice present level if had kept pace with productivity](#), The Brussels Times

19/4: [Sindicatos UE denuncian que los salarios no aumentan acorde a productividad](#), La Vanguardia

20/4: [¿Qué pasa con los sueldos en Europa? Aumenta la productividad pero los salarios no mejoran](#), El Economista

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