



Editorial

The closing session of the [Post-growth conference](#), organized by members of the European Parliament from various political groups, and many academic and civil society stakeholders among which were the ETUI and ETUC, took place at the International Trade Union House last week. It wrapped up two previous days of discussions aimed at re-thinking future policies and putting forward alternatives that would respect the environment and human rights and secure a more viable mode of economic development. Gaël Giraud from the French Development Agency kicked off the debate with an [inspiring speech](#) in which he argued that various financing mechanisms are possible to invest in a more sustainable economy which could provide a new and less damaging engine for growth by embracing new technology.

Surprisingly, the representatives of the European institutions, civil society, academia and international finance institutions seemed to agree that there is a need for a radical change in economic thinking. For the first time we witnessed a debate on the future of growth in which the opponents were talking to each other instead of past each other. However, there was an equally stark gulf in views about how to manage the social and political repercussions of a transition to a world without continual economic expansion. In my view we need a positive discourse for an ecologically sustainable and socially just society in order to convince 95% of the population rather than 5%.

It is also crucial that economic transformation is accompanied by a social transformation. Luca Visentini, the ETUC's General Secretary, cautioned in this respect that a post-growth world could not come at the expense of people's jobs and standards of living. Workers in precarious jobs, facing low wages and a lack of rights in an insecure society need us to transform their desperate economic situation, and not lecture them with theories about a bright, post-growth society. There is still a long way to achieve a carbon free society, but the basis of a common understanding seems to be already set.

Philippe Pochet, General director ETUI

Publications



The EU company law package: how it should be improved to strengthen workers' rights and avoid abuse through cross-border company mobility

The proposed EU company law package, which was published in April 2018 by the European Commission, seeks to encourage cross-border company mobility while at

the same time protecting stakeholder interests.

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‘Training through Gaming’: ETUI’s EduDays conference to showcase using video games as a training aid

Next month’s conference organised by the ETUI’s Education Department will show trade union trainers how video games can be a useful educational tool in preparing trainees for the workplace of the future. The EduDays 2018 conference, which takes place in Vilnius from 17-19 October, will include presentations and hands-on demonstrations from experts in the emerging field of using games to develop social and cognitive skills.

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Trade Union Wage Coordination in the EU: a case for decent wages

At the very end of August, experienced trade unionists from 13 countries gathered to learn about and discuss coordination of trade union policies on low wages at the EU level. [Read more](#)

Recent events and news

Experts tell ETUI seminar to expect tough choices in the next EU

ETUI debate asks, “can we create jobs in a ‘Post Growth’ World?”

Racism in the workplace still a problem, experts say

Workers in Europe are still regularly exposed to racism

The vital issue of how

budget cycle

Against a backdrop of Brexit, the lingering effects of austerity and the rise of populism, the ETUI this week hosted an expert seminar on the European Commission's proposals for the coming EU budget.

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environmental sustainability can be achieved alongside social justice was debated at a meeting of experts this month hosted by the ETUI in Brussels.

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and xenophobia at the workplace, according to experts attending a recent trade union seminar organised by the ETUC and ETUI.

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22/10: [New Trade Union Strategies for New Forms of Employment](#)

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[Slovenia: the tax reform to make work pay more still on the agenda?, 11/09](#)

In the media

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