



Editorial

Recent protests by the so called “yellow vests” in France and Belgium have brought to the media’s attention the inconvenient truth that we do not only need to organise the transition to an environmentally sustainable economy, but that this transition should also be a *Just* transition, a transition that is carried by the strongest shoulders rather than the weakest. Efforts to fight inequality remain pressing. The trade union movement has been demanding “Just transition” for more than twenty years now and succeeded in embedding this concept in the final agreement of the 16th COP in Cancun in 2010. The full history of this demand, as well as several case studies corresponding to different challenges, can be found in the recent [ILO Actrav Policy Brief “Just transition towards environmentally sustainable economies and societies for all”](#) written by our Senior researcher Béla Galgóczi. In this Brief he argues that it is extremely important that trade unions build alliances with environmental and civil society organisations, and NGOs. A common understanding of Just transition between those groups is crucial in order for them to be able to persuade national governments to adopt climate change targets in a socially just way. All eyes are now pointed towards the COP 24 in Katowice which should be an opportunity to strengthen the Just transition principles at the core of the international climate regime.

The same issue has also been taken up by this year’s edition of “Social policy in the European Union: state of play” in which Max Koch pleads for a shift to “eco-social policies” to simultaneously address inequality and environmental concerns. According to him, these policies are extremely urgent considering the threat that climate change represents to the sustainability of social policies as they are now. Without synergies between both of these there is a risk that a double injustice could take place. First, at a global level where those who are most affected by climate change are also those least responsible for causing it while, second and closer to home – the socially disadvantaged of Europe are those least able to bear the financial burden of climate policies enacted by their governments, as the “yellow vests” remind us.

You are welcome to attend [the launch of the 19th edition of the joint publication of the European Social Observatory \(OSE\) and the ETUI on 11 December](#). Besides eco-social policies, this year’s edition questions whether the Pillar could encourage a fully-fledged ‘European Social Union’. It also looks at social protection for the self-employed, recent progress in occupational health and the impact of the digital transition on job quality.

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Publications

Corporate income

The end of the

tax in the EU, the Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base (CCCTB) and beyond: is it the right way to go?

This working paper reviews key elements of the debate around the Commission's proposals to tackle the problem of low effective tax rates for multi-national companies by instituting a Common Corporate Tax Base (CCTB).

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November issue of Transfer out now

The new edition of Transfer, the European Review of Labour and Research, has just been published. The open issue of the peer-reviewed journal includes articles on the financial crisis, the emergence of new social actors, transnational social dialogue and employee engagement.

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Training

bailout era in Greece: not out of the woods yet

This Policy Brief examines prospects for Greece following the recent end of the stabilisation programme put into place as a result of the eurozone debt crisis. The brief argues that rather than stabilising the Greece the programme has left it weaker and more vulnerable to future crisis. It critically examines the programme's framework and implementation and suggests some policy measures.

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New issue of HesaMag lifts the lid on work-related cancer

Cancer kills 1.3m people in the European Union each year, but a staggering 100,000 of these deaths may be caused by workplace carcinogens, according to the International Labor Organisation (ILO). The impact of cancer on workers is the focus of analysis in the latest issue of HesaMag, the ETUI's magazine for health and safety professionals.

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Debunk the far-right. Reinforce trade union power

The training course "Debunk the far-right. Reinforce trade union power" organized by the ETUI in cooperation with CGT, FGTB, Maßß and ÖGB took place from 29 to 31 October 2018 in Courcelles, France. It



focused on trade-union strategies and practices to counter far-right ideas and political actions which is even more pressing due to the coming European Parliament elections.

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Recent events and news

Watch here the new presentation video of the ETUI



"Rights at Ryanair": European employee solidarity in practice

On the last day of October, the ETUI held a lunch debate on recent developments at Ryanair. The Irish low-cost airline is infamous for its poor working conditions and dire employment relations, despite net revenues of 1,45 billion € per year. It is also notoriously anti-union, which has hindered pursuit of industrial action in the past. The ETUI audience heard how this is changing, with steadily worsening conditions leading to a succession of strikes across different European countries over recent months.

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4-5/12: [Conference Women, Work and Cancer](#)

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[Romania: reform of pension legislation could become effective in 2021, 14/11](#)

[Estonia: restored tripartite talks - first discussions on ways to reduce the gender pay gap, 14/11](#)

[Spain: land slide reform can lead to revision of austerity measures, 20/11](#)

[Finland: new challenges on the labour market in the age of artificial intelligence, 20/11](#)

[EU: assessment of the nature and potential role of structural reform programs in the EU, 28/11](#)

[Latvia: president refers a reform of the labour legislation back to parliament, 28/11](#)

In the media

12/10: [De \(verstrengde\) loonnorm verarmt de Belg en is eigenlijk overbodig, DeWereldMorgen](#)

24/10: [Græsrdødder har held med at organisere løsarbejderne i platformøkonomien, Ugebrevet A4](#)

14/11: [A Four-Day Working Week Is Possible Because It's Already Happening, HuffPost UK](#)

28/11: [Grassroots action prominent in the platform economy, Zukunft der Arbeit](#)

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