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A new logic of sustainability needs to be incorporated

We cannot effectively tackle global warming if we do not act on the three dimensions of sustainability – economic, social and environmental. [read](#) and [register](#)



Connecting the dots: the DSA/DMA Package and the European Green Deal

In early 2020 the EC published the DSA/DMA package and the European Green Deal, two fundamental regulatory agendas at the core of future EU policy. Such initiatives will most likely inspire additional measures/packages, influence international politics and contribute to a sustainable global economy. [read](#)



Greening Europe's mobility

On December 9th, the European Commission presented its 'Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy' together with an Action Plan of 82 initiatives. This strategy lays the foundation for how the EU transport system can achieve its green and digital transformation as outlined in the European Green Deal. Concrete milestones for the European transport system are:

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EU wants stricter regulation for sustainable use of batteries

On December 10th the European Commission launched its Sustainable batteries proposal, its first initiative within the Circular Economy Action Plan. The proposal aims to ensure that the increasing demand for batteries in Europe is met with green products with lower emissions and produced using recycled materials, boosting circularity and reducing pollution. [read](#)

Upcoming Education webinar: "If you work on climate change, you work on systems change"

What if white-collar workers do not need to sit anymore in their office every day due to Covid-19? This question helps us develop our systemic thinking and notice the "systems" around us. This will open the way for cities to reimagine their business models; they could become creative centres, living spaces. What about the transport system, we will see fewer workers using it with consequences on CO2 emission. [read](#)

Social partners and the European Green Deal

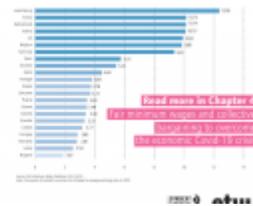
IndustriAll expressed its support for the EU's plan to reach climate neutrality by 2050 and put forward key requirements to be fulfilled. Accordingly, trade unions expect a Just Transition to climate neutrality that leaves no worker and no region behind, and a European industrial strategy that ensures a strong and viable European manufacturing industry. [read](#)

GreenReads:

EEA report on growth – Carbon removal – Governance for the future – Polyandemic – IEA roadmap for net-zero

On January 11th, the European Environment Agency (EEA) published a surprising report calling for the need to rethink growth and progress and

their meaning for global sustainability. [read](#)



Chapters 5 and 6

Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2020 - Facing the pandemic. All chapters consider the consequences of the unfolding public health crisis. In Chapter 5, Eloi Laurent writes about “the European Green Deal: from growth strategy to social-ecological transition?” and in Chapter 6 Sebastiano Sabato and Matteo Mandelli write about “Integrating the Sustainable Development Goals into the European Semester: a governance conundrum for the von der Leyen Commission?” get the PDF for free or order your printed issue [here](#)

Chapters 3 and 7

This year’s 20th anniversary issue of our Benchmarking Working Europe brings a simple warning: beside the virus that has caused the Covid-19 pandemic and thrown Europe’s economies into a sudden and profound recession, ‘austerity’ is the other nefarious agent from which workers need to be protected. In Chapter 3, Béla Galgóczi writes about “The path to zero carbon in a post-Covid-19 world” and in Chapter 7 Christophe Degryse writes about “Foresight: the many possible post-pandemic futures” get the PDF for free or order your printed issue [here](#)

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