

Editorial

The idea that Covid impacts society as a whole in an equal manner has been proven wrong by the sharp divide in terms of inequalities that this crisis has aggravated. The injustice of unfair profit sharing between those who benefitted economically from the pandemic and their employees have, for example, forced the Belgian trade unions to go on strike amidst a recently announced lockdown. Although social dialogue usually runs smoothly, this time it was halted by the social partners as the employers refused to increase wages by more than 0,4%. This is having considerable spillover effects on the Belgian government's left-right axis and reminds us of the political divide that could emerge in many member states post-Covid as the non-recognition of the role of essential workers is not limited to Belgium. [Read the full editorial here](#)

Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI

Publications

Work, health and Covid-19

With work a key vector of Covid-19 transmission, this report examines why it is critical that occupational health and safety measures take centre stage in mitigation policies. Workers in sectors declared essential by state authorities have been mandated to continue working in physical settings during the pandemic.

[Read more](#)

Creative labour in the era of Covid-19

This working paper identifies some key areas of policy intervention for advancing socially sustainable and fair solutions for freelancers working in the creative industries, who are among those have suffered the most from the economic fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Read more](#)

[The EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement and workers' rights](#)

[Non-standard workers and the self-employed in the EU](#)

The EU-UK TCA goes beyond the diluted, and at times tokenistic, protection of multilateral labour standards contained in the other FTAs concluded by the EU, e.g. with countries like Canada or South Korea.

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The lockdown and other restrictive measures introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic recession have had a strong impact on labour markets worldwide. As far as the European Union (EU) is concerned, the accelerated fall in total employment was the 'sharpest decline ever observed over two successive quarters since 1995'.

[Read more](#)

Education

The ETUI EWC training team aims to increase the number of European Works Council members trained each year, as part of the European Trade Union Confederation's campaign to strengthen democracy at work. European Works Council members have a fundamental right to information and consultation of workers, but only a few of them are aware of this. To remedy this situation, ETUI aims at training more members while preserving high quality. This objective requires us to strengthen our network of trainers, known as "NET", and to help them update their knowledge both in terms of pedagogical skills (getting used to running online training courses) and in terms of content, taking into account the latest legislative developments and new case law. In this respect a first note on the consequences of Brexit on European works councils has been produced. The aim is to take stock of a particular theme on which we are regularly asked by participants in our training courses. [Read more](#)

Tenders & Vacancies



We are hiring!

The ETUI is looking for a Researcher or Senior Researcher on EWCs, SE-Works Councils and transnational information and consultation

Deadline to apply: 20 April 2021, 5:00 p.m

[Read here the full vacancy](#)

We are also tendering for the following projects:

- [Country study: Germany - `Pathways to electromobility with focus on the employment effect for the European automobile industry`](#)

- [Battery study 2021 - `Pathways to electromobility with focus on the employment effect for the European automobile industry`](#)

and for [ETUI Online courses technical support & solutions](#) + [Annex](#)

See [here](#) for an overview with the deadlines

Events

Upcoming: [EWPCC conference 2021 – EWCs in the pandemic](#), NEW DATE 10 June 2021

Past events - watch the recording:

[Job guarantee programmes in Europe: a tool for recovery, resilience and just transition?](#), 31 March 2021 (*recording will be available soon*)

NEW: [6 min zapping summary on ETUI-ETUC conference on a new socio-ecological contract](#)

etui.podcast - voices on the world of work

The podcast offers new perspectives on ongoing research and education on social Europe, worker participation, health and safety, the wider labour movement and the world of work.

Season 2

#6 with Bart Vanhercke: [EU Social policy - state of play](#)

#5 with Kalina Arabadjieva: [The EU pay transparency directive](#)

Media

- Social Europe, [A small step towards gender equality in pay](#) (26 Mar 2021)
- Por Experiencia, [“Es necesario incorporar a la Directiva de Cáncerígenos una cláusula de no regresión en los valores límite”](#) (24 Mar 2021)

Open Access Government, [COVID-19 reveals the state of health and safety at work](#) (21 Mar 2021)

- Le Figaro, [Emploi: la reprise devrait être beaucoup plus rapide qu'après la crise de 2008](#) (17 Mar 2021)
- Agenda for international development, [Addressing the impact of the precarious working conditions of on-demand gig workers](#) (15 Mar 2021)
- Social Europe, [The four 'T's of a new socio-ecological contract](#) (1 Mar 2021)
- Le Monde, [De très nombreux emplois pourraient être créés grâce à la décarbonation de nos économies](#) (27 Feb 2021)

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