

## Editorial

The eyes of all those concerned with social Europe are now on the high-level summit at the end of this week (7-8 May) in Porto. The Portuguese Presidency is hoping to renew the political and institutional support for the European Pillar of Social Rights, but most of all, to advance its implementation at the European and national level. For this occasion, the European Commission has published its Action Plan on the implementation of the Pillar. The plan aims at providing a 'social rulebook' to accompany the green and digital transitions which are this Commission's main priorities, and is an attempt to operationalise the 20 principles of the Pillar, which for the most part constitute an unclear collection of often symbolic proposals. Thirty years after the Charter of Fundamental Social Rights, this most recent initiative of the European Union in the social field once again constitutes an attempt to compensate for the gaps created by austerity and to counteract national social policies which risk wrecking the European project, rather than a stand-alone long-term vision for social Europe. [Read the full editorial here](#)

Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI

## Publications



### Union sacrée ? Les partenaires sociaux sectoriels

La crise économique et sociale provoquée par la pandémie de Covid-19 en Europe et dans le monde est sans précédent depuis au moins la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Avec plus de 40 millions de cas déclarés en Europe en un an, et plus de 900 000 morts (mars 2020 - mars 2021), les gouvernements ont multiplié les mesures d'urgence pour stopper la propagation du coronavirus : confinements des populations, fermeture des commerces non essentiels, fermeture des bureaux, des usines, des écoles, des lieux de culte ; annulation des événements



was organised in partnership with the SAK (Finland). The training was delivered via Zoom. Additionally, the AI-powered digital facilitation tool Howspace helped us creating a dynamic learning space. Twenty-one participants from seven countries took actively part in the foresight and innovation activities proposed during the three-days training.

[Read more](#)

## Vacancies and tenders

**We are hiring!** The ETUI is looking for a **full-time Education Officer** to:

- design, organize and develop training activities (in all their forms of delivery from synchronous to asynchronous) in partnership with National Trade Union Confederations and European Trade Union Federations,
- deliver, implement and contribute to the ETUI Education Strategy and programme, in particular regarding leadership development and Young trade unionists,
- generate new learning and training approaches and pathways to stimulate trade union strategic development.

**Deadline to apply: 31 May 2021** [Read here the full vacancy](#)

**We are also tendering:**

**[Tender - Battery study](#) - deadline 7 May 2021**

**[Tender - Video making](#) - deadline 3 June 2021**

## Call for contributions

Call for contributions to the **special issue of Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research 'From just transition to a new concept of the welfare state', 3-2022**  
**Editors: Philippe Pochet, Bela Galgoczi**

Until recent decades, social welfare systems in Europe were disconnected from ecological concerns and policies. The objectives, instruments and actors concerned in each were largely different. Environmental and climate science on the one hand, and the analysis and theoretical

foundations of social welfare systems on the other, have emerged and developed in isolated silos. The same can be said about concepts of environmental and climate justice versus approaches of social justice and industrial relations research, resulting in very different concepts of a 'just transition'. [Read here the full call](#)

Proposals for contributions including abstracts of 400 words should be sent to the Editor of Transfer, Philippe Pochet and to Bela Galgoczi **before 13 May 2021**.

## Events

**Save the date: [EWPCC conference 2021 – EWCs in the pandemic](#)**, 10 June 2021

**Past events - watch the recording: [Exploring interfaces between labour and environmental law](#)**, 27 April 2021

## 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

#7 with Stan De Spiegelaere: [What can we learn from Alphabet workers?](#)

## Media

- Huffington Post Italia, [Covid aiuta la concertazione, ma il futuro è un'incognita sui diritti](#) (4 May 2021)
- Brussels Times, [‘Same storm, different boat’: Covid-19 as an occupational hazard](#) (4 May 2021)
- Social Europe, [A long-overdue step on EU sustainability reporting](#) (21 Apr 2021)
- Find our why, [The global impact of the Digital Services Act](#) (20 Apr 2021)
- Social Europe, [The ‘long Covid’ of work relations and the future of remote work](#) (14 Apr 2021)
- Süddeutsche Zeitung, [Welche Menschen Corona-Hilfen bekommen - und welche nicht](#) (08 Apr 2021)
- El Pais, [Los sindicatos en la Europa de 2021](#) (29 Mar 2021)

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