

Editorial

The European Social Summit, which took place on 8 May 2021 in Porto, was a missed chance to reconcile the social and environmental dimensions of the challenges posed by climate change. The post-pandemic reality represented a good opportunity to build a socio-ecological agenda and sustainable alliances for a more just society. Still, so far, we have not seen much progress in this direction, at least not by the European leaders (see [here](#) the final declaration of the Social Summit (the “Porto Declaration”) neither by the European Commission (see [here](#) the inaugural speech given on 9 May by the President of the European Commission at the Conference on the Future of Europe). At the same time, the most prominent German (and European) industrial trade union IG Metall, representing the largest automobile manufacturing in Europe, has recently argued that “only the switch to electromobility will secure jobs in the automotive industry in the long term.” They insist that it is the propaganda machine of the extreme right that spreads false facts about e-mobility to create mistrust and fear among workers. According to IG Metall, if the German car industry does not embark on this transition, many more jobs will be lost. There is an apparent mind shift taking place by an essential part of the actors involved in the transition process, but we need the European policymakers on board to get the job done. [Read the full editorial here](#)

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Publications

Teleworking in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic

This Policy Brief aims to shed light on some of the key challenges that teleworking policies need to address in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic. The author briefly reviews the four categories of factors affecting remote work effectiveness and teleworkers’ well-being, with an emphasis on what

Enforceable social clauses in trade agreements with ‘bite’?

This Policy Brief has two parts. The first explains how the Panel in the EU–Korea dispute asserted jurisdiction with reference to principles concerning fundamental rights (such as those relating to freedom of association) in Article 13.4.3, which were found to be ascertainable with reference to

lessons can be learned from the world's largest work-from-home experiment.

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Algorithmic management and collective bargaining

The discussion around the future of work, which has become ubiquitous in law, policymaking and the media, has so far concentrated on 'quantitative' aspects, for instance how many jobs may be replaced by automation, or the introduction of new breeds of technologies, such as artificial intelligence. This mainstream discourse, however, neglects some issues that are crucial for workers.

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Workers in the food chain HesaMag #23 - Spring 2021

The next time you see an attractively packaged food product in a supermarket or an advertisement, take a moment to think about all the links in the chain that that product passed through to get to you. To help stimulate the thought process, this special report offers you an insight into the daily lives of the food chain workers, who are sometimes forced to take disproportionate risks to meet our needs for food.

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international labour standards and human rights law, particularly the Compilation of Findings of the International Labour Organization (ILO) Committee on Freedom of Association.

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Holy union? The sectoral social partners and the Covid 19 crisis in Europe

The economic and social crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic in Europe and around the world is without precedent since World War II if not before. With more than 40 million known cases in Europe in one year, and over 900 000 deaths (March 2020 to March 2021), governments have stepped up their emergency measures to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

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Gender, working conditions and health What has changed?

In Europe, despite equal treatment laws that mainly concern wages and non-discrimination between individuals, the gendered division of labour is still present: men and women do not work in the same professions and, when they work in similar occupations, their work activity, work experience, opportunities for professional promotion and remuneration are not the same.

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Events

[Facing the challenges of a fast track transition to electromobility – What is at stake for Europe?](#), 8 June 2021

[Subcontracting in the meat industry: a chance for true reform?](#), 8 June 2021

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

[The nexus of climate change and welfare: towards a new concept of the welfare state](#), 17 June 2021

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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

- #8 with Richard Hyman and Rebecca Gumbrell-McCormick: [\(How\) can international trade union organisations be democratic?](#)

Vacancies and tenders

We are tendering! [Tender 12 - Qualitative study on psychosocial risks - deadline 14 June 2021](#)

Deadline for the submission: 14 June 2021

Media

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