

Editorial

With the summer holidays approaching for most of us, you might be looking forward to catch up on some readings that you did not have the time to read during the busy working year dominated by another Covid wave and its uncertainties on the work floor and in society as a whole.

[Read the full editorial here](#)

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Publications

Towards a new paradigm in open strategic autonomy?

The aim of this research paper is to review the recent emergence on the European scene of the concept of open strategic autonomy and the consequences it may have for EU action.

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From welfare to farewell The European social-ecological state beyond economic growth

This working paper is intended to shed light on a pressing issue: the apparent growth-dependency of European welfare states at a time of weak growth prospects and strong criticisms of growth.

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Securing compliance. Some lessons for EU strategy on occupational health and safety

This paper discusses findings from a review of recent literature on support for securing compliance and better practice in occupational safety and health (OSH) in the changing world of work in advanced market economies.

Performance pay across Europe. Drivers of the increase and the link with wage inequality

This paper shows that the use of performance pay schemes has risen substantially across Europe from fewer than one-fifth in 2000 up to one-third in 2015, using data from the European Working Conditions Survey and the Structure of Earnings Survey enriched with

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Collective bargaining and self-employed workers

The European Commission has recently embarked into a process seeking to redefine the scope of competition law in order to reduce the chilling effect that certain judgments by the Court of Justice, and their often misguided application by national competition authorities, have had on collective bargaining.

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The AI Regulation: entering an AI regulatory winter? Why an ad hoc directive on AI in employment is required

An AI regulatory package has been put forward by the European Commission's Executive Vice-President, Margrethe Vestager. This 'landmark' legislative initiative was announced by EC President, Ursula von der Leyen, in her 2019-2024 political guidelines.

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Time to deliver? Assessing the Action Plan on the European Pillar of Social Rights

The Action Plan on the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) and

external contextual data.

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International taxation Biden opens up the way to reform

On 5 June 2021, the G7 reached agreement on a minimum taxation rate for multinational companies. This was described by the press as historic, albeit with the qualification that this was only an initial stage. The second stage has just taken place: on 1 July 2021, 130 of the 139 members of the 'inclusive framework' approved the agreement.

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Europe's open strategic autonomy Striking a balance between geopolitical, socioeconomic and environmental dimensions

Policymakers should adopt an extended conception of Europe's open strategic autonomy, including socioeconomic and environmental aspects.

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How to deal with confidential information Manual for European workers representatives

This training manual deals with two serious forms of obstruction that

the Porto Social Summit have created a momentum for the enhancement of the social dimension of the European Union (EU), but, so far, without much to show by way of innovation.

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management may use to block information flows. Firstly, management may label information as ‘confidential’, thus forbidding the EWC to share this information with others (including the employees it represents or local works councils).

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The European green bond standard: a good initiative hanging in the balance

On 6 July 2021, the European Commission published its proposal for establishing an EU green bond standard (EUGBS). The proposed Regulation is one of the actions listed in the European Commission’s 2018 Action Plan for Financing Sustainable Growth, and part of the EU’s Renewed Sustainable Finance strategy, both aimed at redirecting and boosting capital flows towards a more sustainable economy.

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Education



Developing a reflective practice: Stop, think it over and move on!

Do you ever stop to reflect on why your choices and actions have led you to where you are? Does it still sound weird to think about your mission and find the purposes for what you do?

There are so many choices and different opportunities in life that, quite often, we do not clearly see what we want to do with our lives – as a person, as a professional, as a player inside society in general.

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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

- #9 with Valeria Pulignano: [The creative industry & Covid-19](#)

Events

If you have missed our recent webinars, you can watch them here:

2/07: [SEER Journal Workshop: The consequences of the Dayton Peace Agreement](#)

17/06: [The nexus of climate change and welfare: towards a new concept of the welfare state](#)

08/06: [Facing the challenges of a fast track transition to electromobility – What is at stake for Europe?](#)

20/05: [Exploring the link between growth and welfare states](#)

HesaMag #23 conversations:

[What kind of agriculture do we want for tomorrow's world?](#)

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

[A l'Est, les supermarchés à l'assaut de la nourriture authentique et bio](#)

New ressources



The European Social Dialogue Database

This database of joint social dialogue documents is a useful tool that makes it possible to analyse the sectoral social partners' 'output'. It enables comparisons to be drawn between sectors, their levels of activity, the topics addressed, and even the approach to social dialogue developed by the social partners.

[Check it out here](#)



Strike map of Europe

This ETUI strike map showing the average days not worked due to industrial action per 1,000 employees in the periods 2000-2009 and 2010-2020 has been revamped and made more user-friendly

[Check it out here](#)

Tenders

[Call for tender AI surveillance](#) - deadline 31 July 2021

Media

- Netzpolitik, [Gewerkschaften warnen vor KI-Überwachung am Arbeitsplatz](#) (23 June 2021)
- Thompson Reuters Foundation, [AI is watching: What to know about workplace surveillance](#) (23 June 2021)
- Courrier des Balkans, [Roumanie : les petits paysans écrasés par les supermarchés](#) (20 June 2021)
- UK Labour Law, [Beyond status: the long road towards effective health and safety rights for on-demand workers](#) (16 June 2021)
- Minerva, [Bonussen zullen arbeidsonrust in de zorg- en welzijnssector niet de kop indrukken](#) (14 June 2021)
- Social Europe, [‘Danger money’ bungs will not quell labour unrest in health and social care](#) (10 June 2021)
- Aikamerkki, [Networking fosters mutual understanding of the common challenges faced by trade unions](#) (9 June 2021)

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