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COP26: success or failure? A bit of both?

On November 13th, delegates of nearly 200 countries at COP26 agreed on the final text (the 'Glasgow Climate Pact'). Was COP26 a success or a failure? The answer is: probably a bit of both. If you look at the outcome with the perspective of an international climate diplomat, you will probably call it a moderate success; if you use the glasses of the climate activists who believe our house is on fire, the outcome will look like more 'blah blah blah'... [read](#)



Podcast with Nobel Prize winner, Klaus Hasselmann

In an [exclusive podcast](#), the ETUI had the honour of discussing with pioneer climate activist in science, Klaus Hasselmann, who laid the foundations for linking climate change to human-made CO2 emissions and was this year awarded a Nobel Prize in Physics.



The ‘Penelope’s Web’ of Energy Transition

Decarbonising industrial capitalism is not straightforward. It comes with many contradictions, one of them being energy poverty induced by rising energy prices.

Economic recovery, after the pandemic deadlock, produced an increasing demand for energy.

Renewable energy sources are not yet able to meet this demand. [read](#)



Ecocide: a new path to addressing environmental abuse?

On 15 November, the ETUI held a webinar on the topic of ‘ecocide,’ bringing together Professor Philippe Sands QC (University College London), Samuel Cogolati (Ecolo, MP for Belgium) and Samantha Smith (Director of ITUC Just Transition Centre). Philippe Sands was the co-chair of the Independent Expert Panel for the Legal Definition of Ecocide, composed of twelve experts from across the world, that came up with a definition of ‘ecocide’.. [read](#)

GreenReads: The new post-Merkel government: good for Europe’s green policies? - The ecological costs of artificial intelligence – what about the air pollution virus?

What will be the impact of the new ‘traffic-light’ government in Germany on Europe’s climate policies and the European Green Deal? Several commentators have tried to unravel the 177-pages coalition agreement between the social-democrat SPD (of new chancellor Olaf Scholz), the liberal FDP and the Greens. [read](#)

Recent publications, training and events

- Gough I., [Two scenarios for sustainable welfare - New ideas for an eco-social contract](#)
- [Benchmarking Working Europe 2021, Unequal Europe – register for the launch event](#)
read the [foreword](#) written by Luca Visentini, Nicola Countouris and Philippe Pochet
This ETUI-ETUC publication includes a special chapter on The inequality pyramid of climate change and mitigation written by Béla Galgóczi and Mehtap Akgüç
get your free printed issue [here](#) before end of December
- Social and environmental aspects of national recovery plans. Second workshop of the ECF-ETUI project “Towards a new concept of the welfare state”
[details and registration](#)

- [Union Environmental Representatives](#), training activity
- Bollen Y., Van Hauwaert T. and Beys O., For a fair and effective industrial climate transition. Support measures for heavy industry in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany

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