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Editorial

The chance is high that you were clapping every evening for health workers last spring, or have been ordering food more often at home via a takeaway platform since the start of the pandemic. Those who took care of your children, continued to clean the public spaces, made sure the supermarkets stayed open, and brought food or other orders to your doorstep are among the heroes of the Covid crisis – but they are also highly represented among the 22 million people living at risk of poverty across the EU, in many cases due to statutory minimum wages that are too low or to precarious working situations in the unregulated platform economy. [Read the full editorial here](#)

Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI

Publications



2021 publications recap

The ETUI has published a great number of publications on various topics in 2021. Find here an overview and enjoy the reading!

[Overview ETUI publications 2021](#)



Workplaces in a pandemic

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In this issue, our main aim has been to illustrate and document the impact of Covid-19 on workers and the experience of the pandemic as an occupational health and safety issue around Europe.

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Benchmarking Working Europe 2021

It has almost become a cliché to say that the Covid-19 pandemic has exacerbated pre-existing inequalities while also generating new ones.

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Psychosocial risks in Europe

This policy brief explores ways of developing a specific legal framework to prevent psychosocial risks at work effectively. An overview of three national legal provisions will be presented: Sweden, Belgium and Denmark. These three national regulations all approach psychosocial risks in a way that echoes the general preventive principles of Directive 89/391/EEC.

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Employment effects of the renewable energy transition in the electricity sector

To estimate the net effects on employment related to the increasing share of renewable energy, we develop a forward-looking multi-regional input-output model that takes into account the labour demand associated with capital investments in renewable energy infrastructure, separately from operation and maintenance.

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Education



Reconciling the rhythms of climate change and political change

December is often a time to look back on the year's events. If we had to pick out one striking aspect of 2021 concerning the climate issue, it would be the increasingly stark contrast between climate change and the pace that politics has moved at it to address it.

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Events

25/01: [The EU response to Covid-19: winners and losers Conference ‘Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2021’](#)

27/01: [Workshop on work-related psychosocial risks in the European Union](#)

09/02: [The UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement one year on](#)

17/02: [Working conditions in the platform economy](#)

Save the dates!

22-24/06: ETUI-ETUC conference on inequalities (*more information coming soon*)

6-7/10: [The labour-environment nexus: legal perspectives and beyond](#)

Watch here the recordings of these past events in case you have missed them:

3/12: [Inequality in Europe. Launch of the ETUI/ETUC Benchmarking Working Europe 2021 report](#)

6/12: [Regards croisés sur l’Europe Sociale](#)

9/12: [Social and environmental aspects of national recovery plans](#)

13-14/12: [Annual OSH conference 2021](#)

Tenders

- [Tender 2021-27 Short- and medium-term sectoral employment forecasts .pdf](#) - deadline 7 January 2022

Media

- Agence ANSA, [Studio sindacati UE, con 100% rinnovabili](#) (17 Dec 2021)
- Kontrast, [Plattformarbeit und "Scheinselbstständigkeit": Das Ende eines Mythos Scheinselbstständigkeit un Selbstaussbeutung](#) (17 Dec 2021)
- Jungle World, [Mindestlohn oder Tarifautonomie](#) (9 Dec 2021)
- Social Europe, [Regulating digital work: from laissez-faire to fairness](#) (8 Dec 2021)
- Social Europe, [The ‘freedom’ to work for nothing](#) (8 Dec 2021)

La Tribune, [Réglementer le travail numérique : du laisser-faire à l'équité](#) (7 Dec 2021)

- Le Monde, [L'Europe fait un premier pas pour améliorer la condition des « travailleurs pauvres »](#) (6 Dec 2021)
- Woxx, [Europäischer Mindestlohn: Güterkorb oder Arbeitskampf](#) (2 Dec 2021)
- Green European Journal, [Europejska geopolityka zaczyna się od polityki społecznej](#) (2 Dec 2021)

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