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Editorial

The Russian invasion of Ukraine heralds a new momentum for the European construction which will have important long-term consequences. We will try to grasp some of those implications in a following editorial; now it is essential to deal with the more immediate repercussions for the people of Ukraine who found themselves in a war that nobody expected. The ETUC, together with the ITUC, has issued a call for action backed up by solidarity actions. [Read more](#)

Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI

Publications



The platform economy in Europe

This paper presents some of the key insights from the second wave of the ETUI Internet and Platform Work Survey (ETUI IPWS) conducted in 14 member states of the European Union (EU) in Spring 2021. The use of standard probability sampling allows us to estimate the proportion of internet and platform workers, and to identify their characteristics, in a way that is generalisable to the working age population.

Watch [here](#) the recording of the launch event

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Are collective agreements losing their bite?

This paper describes the evolution of collective bargaining coverage in European countries during 2002-2018 and links it to changes in the evolution of the pay premia received by workers covered by collective bargaining.

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Covid-19 and industrial restructuring

The economic and health crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic leaves the European Union facing the steepest decline in production and employment since the Second World War, on top of economic fundamentals that are already fragile as a result of the disastrous effects of the double fall associated with the great financial crisis and the sovereign debt crisis.

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Friends in high places

European Works Councils (EWC) face many limitations in terms of timing and quality of information and consultation. One way of addressing this is through communication with board-level employee representatives.

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Gender inequality in performance-related pay

Research shows that performance-related pay is becoming increasingly prevalent across the EU and that it contributes to pay inequalities between men and women.

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Education



An expanded online courses offer ready for the Work Programme 22/23

ETUI Education will offer 20 online courses for its yearly Work programme starting in April. With a total of 1.600 virtual seats available, the training offer will include already tested courses as well as new ones. The courses, which are asynchronous and self-paced, have a duration that varies from 4 to 12 weeks and usually require from the learners an individual weekly workload of about 2-3 hours.

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Events

7/03: [Challenges and perspectives of a just transition in Europe](#)

14/03: [Addressing transport poverty: the key to a socially balanced green transformation](#)

15/03: [The machine learning pipeline: space for action](#)

16/03: [The green and digital transitions: how can the EU deliver on its promises?](#)

24/03: [Collective bargaining and algorithmic management](#)

Save the dates!

22-24/06: ETUI-ETUC conference: "A Blueprint for Equality" (*more information coming soon*)

6-7/10: [The labour-environment nexus: legal perspectives and beyond](#) (The Call for Papers can now be downloaded [here](#))

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

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

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

1/03: [The role of firms in wage inequality](#)

Job vacancy

- [Vacancy Education Officer Pedagogical coordination 2022.pdf](#) - deadline 20 March 2022

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Season 3

- #4 with Caroline de la Porte, Maurizio Ferrera and Philippe Pochet: [Quo vadis, Social Europe?](#)
- #3 with Klaus Hasselmann and Susanne Hasselmann-Barthe [on climate change and climatology](#)
- #2 with Gabriela Portela: [Why is the ETUI's Education department learning approach unique?](#)
- #1 with Lisa Dorigatti and Roberto Pedersini: [Industrial relations and inequality](#)

Media

- Social Europe, [Performance-related pay and the gender pay gap](#) (24 Feb 2022)
- Agence Europe, [Kiosk Equal Europe](#) (22 Feb 2022)
- La Stampa, [Mal pagati e con poche prospettive, ecco la mappa europea dei lavoratori del web](#), (19 Feb 2022)
- Der Standard, [Internetarbeit fördert niedrige Löhne](#) (18 Feb 2022)
- Alternatives économiques, [En Europe, les travailleurs du Net tirent le diable par la queue](#) (17 Feb 2022)
- El País, [Doce millones de personas en la UE trabajaron a través de plataformas digitales en 2021](#) (17 Feb 2022)
- Taz, [Die Hoffnungen wurden enttäuscht](#) (16 Feb 2022)
- Green European Journal, [How the Pandemics Shapern Inequalities](#) (15 Feb 2022)
- VoxEurop, [Europe weakened by rising inequality](#) (8 Feb 2022)
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