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Editorial

One month in and Russia is still on the offensive in Ukraine. This war, an immense humanitarian catastrophe for those directly involved, will also have far-reaching consequences for the whole world. The European Union – at root a peace-keeping project – has suddenly found itself faced with a violent conflict at its borders, putting its values and long-term objectives to the test.

As always, a crisis in Europe is also an opportunity to rethink the European project. There are three points that seem important to me in this respect. [Read more](#)

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Publications



Bilan social de l'Union européenne 2021

L'Union européenne mène des combats actuellement sur deux fronts principaux, le Covid-19 et le changement climatique, même si des escarmouches ont lieu ailleurs – notamment en matière de migration et d'État de droit. Malgré des revers comme le variant Omicron, la science semble prendre lentement le dessus dans la lutte contre la pandémie, mais la pandémie continue de tenir la société mondiale sous son emprise. [Pour en savoir plus](#)

Download the [English version](#) and watch [here](#) the recording of the launch event

A 'Social Imbalances Procedure' for the EU

In view of the formidable challenges ahead related to recovery from the Covid-19 crisis and to the green and digital transitions, the EU social governance toolbox should urgently be strengthened. This paper discusses the conditions for and added value of setting up an EU Social Imbalances Procedure (SIP), which would be a significant step in this direction.

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Labour rights in trade agreements: five new stories

Labour provisions in trade agreements have been criticised for minimal effectiveness in improving employment conditions. Five recent cases point to some benefits and to the lessons on when and how labour provisions can be effective.

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A case for an EU directive addressing work-related psychological risks

Work-related psychological risks (PSR) pose an ever-growing problem for modern labour. Awareness of the problem and approaches to its legal regulation vary across the EU. Many central and eastern European states still lag behind in addressing the problem in their national legislation.

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Making labour provisions in free trade agreements work

With sustained and vigorous efforts from trade unions, labour provisions in trade agreements have been of some help to labour movements in some partner countries, but they could do much more if the lessons from recent examples are truly learned.

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Education



Is your organisation gender aware?

This was the central question of the first residential week of the leadership and capacity building training for female trade unionists.

In the first online module of the training, composed of 3 webinars, the activities focused on effective communication in a digital world, challenges for female leaders and the leadership's role in anticipating change.

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Events

21/04: [On the way to net-zero mobility – what does this mean for European automobile jobs?](#)

26/04: [AI talks @ ETUI: In AI we trust. Power, illusion and control of predictive algorithms](#)

Save the dates!

22-24/06: [ETUI-ETUC conference: "A blueprint for equality"](#) (website regularly updated)

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:

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](#)

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- **Season 3**

- #5 with Bart Vanhercke and Slavina Spasova: [Re-emerging social ambitions in EU policy making?](#)

Media

- Social Europe, [The home as office—what’s gender got to do with it?](#) (31 March 2022)
- Politico, [Will the Green Deal be a job drain?](#) (16 March 2022)
- Kontrast, [25 Millionen Menschen können nicht von ihrem Lohn leben: EU braucht höhere Mindestlöhne und Tarifverträge für alle](#) (16 March 2022)
- Scoop me, [25 million people cannot live on their wages: EU needs higher minimum wages and collective agreements for all](#) (16 March 2022)
- Le Soir, [Les bonus consacrent l’inégalité entre les sexes!](#) (08 Mar 2022)
- Equal Times, [The US healthcare workers who can’t afford health insurance](#) (07 Mar 2022)
- Syndicats Magazine, [La rémunération liée à la performance récompense principalement les hommes](#) (07 Mar 2022)
- L’Echo, [Les bonus accroissent encore l’inégalité entre hommes et femmes](#) (06 Mar 2022)

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