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Editorial : Be part of the debate on (in)equality

A few years ago, academic sociologist Jo Litter rightly pointed out that we had reached a near-saturation in our critical analysis of inequalities and that the times were ripe for us ‘to open our political imaginations to determine what a more equal world really is’. [read](#)



The missing link between social inequalities and the European Green Deal narrative

It is by now clear that both climate change and related mitigation and adaptation measures will impact certain groups and regions more than others, exacerbating already existing social inequalities and leading to new constellations of inequalities. Yet, remarkably, the words ‘inequality’/‘equality’ are missing from the European Green Deal (EGD). [read](#)



Looking at National Recovery and Resilience Plans from a just transition angle

In a recently published working paper, a group of ETUI researchers assessed national recovery and resilience plans (NRRP) from the perspective of how well they aim at jointly tackling the social and ecological challenges while recovering from the pandemic crisis and its repercussions, but also moving towards a carbon-neutral future. [read](#)



The climate change impact on inflation: regressive effects and policy options

Currently, at 8.1% (compared to May 2021), inflation has resurged in Europe to levels not seen since the 1980s. As recent ECB data suggest, it is currently driven primarily by higher energy prices (where inflation was 39.2% compared to May 2021) but also by unprocessed food prices (9.1%), both direct impacts of the war in Ukraine and the economic sanctions that western and other democracies have been imposing on Russia. [read](#)



A soft energy path for a just, sustainable and peaceful Europe

If the lesson was not learnt from the 1970s' oil crisis, it is clear that the future of democracy in Europe revolves around the problem of energy independence. The Ukrainian tragedy delivers an important message: energy independence is a critical asset not only for economic and political power but for democracy too. [read](#)

Trade Union papers and positions

- IndustriAll policy brief on the energy crisis
- IndustriAll Just Transition Manifesto
- IndustriAll on REPowerEU
- The ETUC on REPowerEU
- The ETUC on carbon tax and the ETS reform
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GreenReads: EU Parliament fights over Fit for 55 - End of combustion engine cars in 2035? - Green Taxonomy: are gas and nuclear sustainable investments? – Australian elections

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22-24 June 2022, the 2022 ETUI-ETUC joint conference: "[A Blueprint for equality](#)"

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Panel 2: Addressing a new constellation of inequalities in context of climate emergency

Panel 10: From just transition to global climate justice

Plenary B: 'The future is up to us. The past shows us how.' What policies do reduce inequalities?

Plenary D: Climate change is not an equaliser

Plenary E: A Blueprint for an equal society

12 September 2022, training: [Capacity building on green competences](#)

6-7 October 2022, conference: [The labour-environment nexus: legal perspectives and beyond](#)

Schade W., Haug I. and Berthold D. (2022) [The future of the automotive sector - Emerging battery value chains in Europe](#)

Pucheta M. and Sánchez A (2022) [Just transition in the Global South - Perspectives from Latin America](#)

Theodoropoulou S., Akgüç M. and Wall J. (2022) [Balancing objectives? Just transition in national recovery and resilience plans](#)

Koksal M. (2022) [Transport costs have a knock-on effect on everything](#), HesaMag#25

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