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Editorial: The summer of cascading crises

The summer of 2022 was supposed to be the 'return to normality' after two years of Covid crisis. At the end of 2021, most [European and international media were quite optimistic](#) about the global health situation and the upcoming economic recovery. Some commentators even started to speak about the start of a new ['roaring 20s'.. read](#)



Save gas for a safe winter: towards the 'end of abundance'?

In his first cabinet meeting after the summer break, Emmanuel Macron warned the French that [the 'end of abundance' era has arrived](#). The series of crises that people in France and elsewhere are facing, 'each worse than the last', are the outcome of a societal model based on the illusion of abundance..[read](#)



National responses to protect end-users from surging energy prices

Since early 2021, global oil prices have doubled, coal prices have nearly quadrupled and European natural gas prices have increased almost seven-fold. Spiralling inflation has sparked a cost-of-living crisis across Europe, and governments are stepping in to try to shield households and businesses from its effects..[read](#)



The promise and perils of Biden's climate policy

The recent [Inflation Reduction Act \(IRA\)](#) is properly recognised as the largest climate policy in US history. In this short essay I will first summarise and comment on its provisions, then outline the reactions to it, with a focus on labour unions, and will close by providing my own thoughts..[read](#)



Climate-induced migration

Can you imagine being displaced in your own country because of abnormal heavy rainfall or prolonged droughts? According to the [UNHCR](#), every year more than 20 million people leave their homes because of extreme weather events and are relocated to other areas of their country....[read](#)

Trade union papers and positions on the energy crisis



The ETUC on the energy crisis

At the end of June, the ETUC's Executive Committee adopted a [resolution](#) on the energy price crisis. This resolution points out that the skyrocketing prices of oil, gas, and electricity – not least due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine – have reduced the purchasing power of many EU citizens and increased energy poverty...[read](#)

GreenReads: IEA World Energy Employment Report - Energy transition or energy descent?

On 8 September, the International Energy Agency published its first comprehensive report on jobs in the global energy sectors. The World Energy Employment Report provides data on energy jobs 'by sector, region, and value chain segment' and will be published annually..[read](#)

Recent ETUI publications and upcoming training activities and events

Training activities:

[The equity of just \(energy\) transition](#)

[Intergenerational equity and climate change](#)

[Climate-induced displacements](#)

[Energy poverty in the spotlight](#)

Publications:

Kiss-Dobronyi B. and Fazekas D. (2022) Modelling the decarbonisation of energy intensive industries in the EU: The potential effects of a carbon border mechanism

The main aim of the analysis is to provide evidence on the labour market and economic impacts of different decarbonisation pathways for the basic metals, chemicals and minerals sector, as a part of EII, and for the wider economy, considering also the

expected effects of a carbon border adjustment mechanism (CBAM). [Read](#)

Schade W. et al. (2022) The future of the automotive sector: Emerging battery value chains in Europe

This battery study analyses the ramping-up of lithium-ion battery cell production in Europe. It outlines lithium-ion battery technology, the value chain, location factors, the innovation system and the employment effects. [Read](#)

Pucheta M. and Sánchez A. (2022) Just transition in the Global South: Perspectives from Latin America

Latin America will be amongst the regions most affected by climate change. Nevertheless, countries in this region strongly rely on resource extraction and carbon-intensive activities for economic development. Robust green and just-transition policies are crucial to achieving regional and global climate targets, for which funding remains a significant challenge. [Read](#)

Theodoropoulou S. and Akgüç M. (2022) Balancing objectives? Just transition in national recovery and resilience plans

This paper assesses how well national recovery and resilience plans (NRRPs) aim at jointly tackling the social and climate/environmental challenges of recovery from the crisis and the transition to a net zero carbon socioeconomic model. [Read](#)

Events:

- 06-07 Oct 2022: [The labour-environment nexus: legal perspectives and beyond](#)
- 20-21 Oct 2022: [A four-day week for Europe?](#)

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