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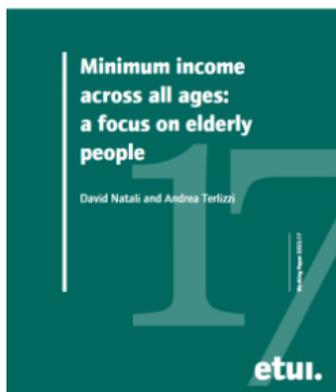
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## Editorial

As winter slowly approaches, the slew of connected crises we have been experiencing in Europe in recent times are showing no signs of abating: the escalating war in Ukraine, skyrocketing gas prices, unheard-of global rates of inflation, and an increasingly unsustainable cost of living. Working people are seeing the value of their wages (and savings, for those that have any) drop every day, while the price of pretty much everything is going through the roof and energy bills are unrealistically high. Although many governments seem to have learned from the past economic crisis and are trying, to different extents, to soften the shock on households and SMEs, the European economies are in crisis. Workers are the primary victims of this cost-of-living crisis, with low-paid workers and vulnerable people hit the hardest. [Read more](#)

Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI

## Publications



### **Minimum income across all ages: a focus on elderly people**

The risk of poverty is a key issue for European countries. Irrespective of the uneven evolution of that risk – a sharp increase in the aftermath of the Great Recession of 2008 followed by an overall decrease in the past few years – people at risk of poverty represent a key target of social protection and social assistance schemes across the EU Member States and a persistent challenge for policymakers.

[Read more](#)

## **Mapping eco-social policy mixes for a just transition in Europe**

Just transition is becoming an increasingly popular concept to address the social consequences of industrial decarbonization, which EU countries have committed to pursue through the European Green Deal. These consequences include increasing redundancies – especially in carbon-intensive firms – and losses of income and well-being in marginalised communities.

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## **The ETUI's list of hazardous medicinal products (HMPs)**

Workers exposed to hazardous medicinal products (HMPs), or hazardous drugs, which are carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic substances (CMRs), within the meaning of the recently adopted Carcinogens, Mutagens and Reprotoxic Substances Directive (CMRD – Directive (EU) 2022/431), must be given specific training by their employers to prevent risks of adverse effects on their health.

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## Education



### **The mirage of gender equality**

The term "equality mirage" was first described by professor Amelia Valcárcel to refer to the idea that equality between men and women is already a reality. Even in times of crisis and exacerbation of inequalities, we can still hear voices telling us that we have already achieved equality (especially gender equality), that our situation is better than ever, and that it is not necessary to promote more measures to correct, prevent or avoid situations of inequality and in particular those related to women's equality.

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## EduDays 2022: Trade union education for equality

During the ETUI's Edudays 2022, the European trade union education community will meet to reflect and discuss on:

- inequalities: where are they and how they do interact
- equalities: what trade union education does already and what we can do more

With plenary sessions and group activities, the conference aims to be an highly interactive and stimulating event, making the most of meeting in presence again.

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etui.podcast - voices on the world of work

### Season 4

- Podcast #2 with Esther Lynch and Torsten Müller: [the EU adequate minimum wages directive](#)
- Podcast #1 with Daniel Clegg and Elke Heins: [Trade unions, unemployment benefits and labour market outsiders](#)

### Season 3

- Podcast #10 with Hamid Ekbia and Nicola Countouris: [How is AI impacting our lives?](#)
- Podcast #9 with Aude Cefaliello: [Psychosocial risks in Europe](#)
- Podcast #8 with David Natali: [Covid-19 and the world of work](#)

### Events

Register now for:

12/10: [Cancer risks in healthcare workers: identification of Hazardous Medicinal Products \(HMPs\)](#)

13/10: [Understanding right-wing populism and what to do about it \(ETUI-FES joint event\)](#)

14/10: [AI talks @ ETUI: What is a "really ethical" AI? The role of human labour and natural resources in automation](#)

19-20/10: [OSH Conference 2022 - Psychosocial risks in \(un\)expected places](#)

20-21/10: [A four day week for Europe? How to get real working time reduction \(The European Network for the Fair Sharing of Working Time's biannual conference\)](#)

24/10: [Employment forecasts under different scenarios in the EU What implications for macroeconomic policies?](#)

7-9/11: [EduDays 2022: Trade union education for equality](#)

8/11: [NextGenerationEU in action: impact on social and labour policies](#)

22/11: [Preventing damage to the mental health of health and care workers \(ETUI-EPSU virtual conference\)](#)

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

16/09: [A tight labour market – from threat to opportunity. ETUI-ETUC seminar](#)

4/10: [Homoploutia or why the traditional division between capitalists and labourers is less relevant today](#)

**Save the dates! Registrations will be opened soon**

17/11: AI talks @ ETUI: Agency, autonomy, and accountability: the view from the margins”

8-9/12: ETUI-EEB-ULB-EP conference "Just transition beyond growth"

## Vacancies & Calls for tender

### **Vacancy:**

- [EWC Education Officer coordinator](#) - deadline 31 October 2022

### **Call for tender:**

- [2022-20 ETUI Call for tender PSR](#) + [2022-20 Annexe.pdf](#) - deadline 4 November 2022

## Media

- The Progressive Post - [Assessing the inflation crisis: a social-ecological misery index for Europe](#) (3 October 2022)
- Voxeurope - [Europe faces the social cost of energy transition](#) (1st October 2022)

- Green European Journal - [Pour une démocratisation du monde du travail au 21ème siècle](#) (20 September 2022)
- Revue Politique - [Le pouvoir des écrans](#) (9 September 2022)
- Voxeurop [For a new post-pandemic economic constitution](#) (5 September 2022)
- Transform Europe - [Flying and Cancer: Underestimated Risk for Flight Attendants](#) (2 September 2022)
- Equal Times - [¿Podría ser la seguridad en el trabajo un pretexto para controlar al trabajador?](#) (25 August 2022)
- Le Monde diplomatique - [Dans les revues HesaMag](#) (August 2022)

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