

#15 - December 2022

## In this issue

- Editorial: From ‘polycrisis’ to crisis of democratic politics?
- 27th COP: ‘historic’ fund for vulnerable nations but no fossil fuel exit
- The bad message of the watered-down Euro 7 car pollution standard
- Cap or no cap? Commission proposal on a gas market correction mechanism
- Energy Charter Treaty: reform or exit?
- Symposium ‘The Labour-Environment Nexus: Legal Perspectives and Beyond’
- Recent ETUI publications and upcoming training activities and events

[Subscribe for free](#) to get this newsletter

### Editorial: From ‘polycrisis’ to crisis of democratic politics?

Since our last Green New Deal [newsletter](#) in September, it looks like the world has gone into ‘crisis overdrive’. Next to the pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine war, rising costs of living and inflation worries, the geopolitical weaponisation of energy, and the accelerating climate emergency, it is now especially on the political front where new storms are brewing. [read](#)



## **27th COP: 'historic' fund for vulnerable nations but no fossil fuel exit**



From 6 to 18 November, world leaders and their political delegations gathered in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt, for the 27th United Nations climate conference.

Overshadowed by the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, geopolitical tensions over energy and the danger of economic recession, COP27 will go into history as the summit where the Global North promised to establish a ['loss and damage fund'](#) for vulnerable countries in the South. [read](#)



## **The bad message of the watered-down Euro 7 car pollution standard**

On 10 November, the European Commission presented a [proposal](#) to reduce air pollution from new motor vehicles sold in the EU to meet the European Green Deal's zero-pollution ambition. The new Euro 7 regulation is set to come into force from July 2025 for cars and vans, and July 2027 for trucks and buses. [read](#)



## **Cap or no cap? EU Commission proposal on a gas market correction mechanism**

The European Commission launched its [proposal](#) to limit excessive gas prices on 22 November, which was labelled as a 'market correction mechanism' aiming to limit excessive prices when they are unrelated to global price spikes. [read](#)



## Energy Charter Treaty: Reform or Exit?

On Wednesday 2 November, Europe Calling organised the webinar ‘ECT: Reform or Exit? - What next for the climate-damaging Energy Charter Treaty?’. The webinar was promoted in cooperation with Anna Cavazzini MEP (Greens/EFA Group), with the aim of taking a closer look at the Energy Charter Treaty (ECT) and delving into the current debate on whether to reform or exit it. [read](#)

## Symposium - ‘The Labour-Environment Nexus: Legal Perspectives and Beyond’

On 6-7 October, the international [symposium](#) ‘The Labour-Environment Nexus: Legal Perspectives and Beyond’ – co-organised by the ETUI and the University of Aix-Marseille – brought together scholars from a range of jurisdictions and disciplines to reflect on the relationship between labour law and the environment. [read](#)



## Recent ETUI publications and upcoming training activities and events

### Training activities:

- [Intergenerational equity and climate change](#): Climate change is often seen through the lens of intergenerational equity. In other words, in the fight against climate change, there should be a relationship of obligations between generations: one generation should not pass on costs to another for the benefits and pleasures it is now enjoying.
- [Energy poverty in the spotlight](#): Workers who live in energy inefficient buildings are more exposed to cold spells, heat waves, and other impacts of climate change. According to the EU Commission, energy poverty, defined as a situation in which people cannot keep their homes adequately warm, is a significant challenge in the Member States. This training will highlight the role trade unions could play in the fight against

energy poverty.

## **Publications:**

- [Pardi T. \(2022\) Heavier, faster and less affordable cars. The consequence of EU regulations for car emissions \(available as from 8/12\)](#): This report focuses on the central role played by the European regulatory framework (on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, but also on vehicle type approval and on competition and trade policies within the Single Market) in shaping the industrial landscape as well as its responsibility for pushing the industry towards heavier, more powerful and more expensive cars (what we call regulatory upmarket drift) precisely at a time when the imperative of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions should have required lighter, less powerful and more affordable cars.
- [Mandelli M. \(2022\) Mapping eco-social policy mixes for a just transition in Europe](#): This study hence maps and analyses these policy mixes, first at the EU level and then at the Member States level.
- [Transfer, volume 28, issue 3 \(2022\), From just transition to a new concept of the welfare state](#): Addressing the climate emergency is coming to be recognised as a top policy priority by more and more policy-makers. In order to rein human activity back within planetary limits our entire production and consumption model needs a fundamental, paradigmatic change.

## **Events**

[A just transition beyond growth \(8-9 December 2022\)](#) The conference is a major side-event of the broader “Beyond Growth 2023 Conference” which will take place on 15-17 May 2023 on the initiative of twenty-one members of the European Parliament from five different political groups and supported by more than forty partner organisations. The conclusions from this ETUI-ETUC-EEB-ULB conference should feed into the debates of the 2023 event at the European Parliament.

*The ETUI welcomes the first edition of the Sustainable Welfare & Eco-social Policy Network Newsletter. It aims to present information on new publications, events, projects and calls in the research area of climate and social policy. To subscribe, follow [this link](#)*

---

*ETUI respects your privacy. We are updating our data protection policies following the GDPR principles and legal requirements. You have the right to ask further information on how your data is*

used by contacting [dataprivacy@etui.org](mailto:dataprivacy@etui.org). If you wish to modify your personal data in our database you can contact [mnikolova@etui.org](mailto:mnikolova@etui.org).

etui.greennewdeal is a periodical newsletter on EU socio-ecological ambitions produced by the ETUI.

Contributors: Willy De Backer, Béla Galgóczi, Paolo Tomassetti, Kalina Arabadjieva

The ETUI is co-funded by the European Union. ETUI, aisbl 2022

Koning Albert II Laan 5  
Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5  
Brussels, 1210  
Belgium

