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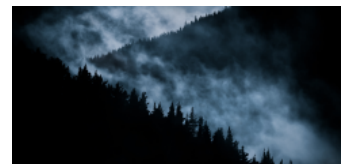
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Editorial: ‘Megathreat Mountain’: challenges for 2023

The year 2023 promises to be at least as challenging as the previous one, with war still raging between Russia, Ukraine and the West. The climate emergency turning into a real climate collapse also for countries in the Global North which had been spared some of the deadly and devastating effects which some countries in the Global South had already experienced for years. [read](#)



How the EU-US clash over green subsidies went into higher gear

The US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), adopted by both houses of Congress and signed into law in August 2022, has sent shockwaves across Europe. While the investment boost for the clean energy sector can well be regarded as a significant step for the US to move towards the Paris targets, the circumstances and its impacts on the rest of the world (most notably Europe) make the IRA controversial. [read](#)



The progress of 'Fit for 55' – what was agreed (provisionally) in December?

In December 2022, trilogues between the European Commission, European Parliament and the Council of the EU finally culminated in a series of provisional agreements on some of the central – intertwined – Fit for 55 files, namely the revision of the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), the Social Climate Fund (SCF), and the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). [read](#)



Social Climate Fund: A giant with feet of clay?

On 17 December 2022, the EU Parliament and Council reached a provisional agreement to set up a 'Social Climate Fund' (SCF). The agreement follows the proposed EU regulation creating an SCF adopted by the Commission on 14 July 2021 as part of the 'fit for 55' legislative package. The Fund will amount to approximately 86.7 billion and run for five years from 2027. [read](#)



ETUI Webinar on climate-induced migration

Climate change and rising temperatures are the leading causes of natural disasters such as flooding, storms, land sliding, wildfires, drought, and desertification, to name a few. With the rate of change of climate, the frequency and scale of these disasters have also gone up over the last decades. [read](#)

GreenReads: EU plans for trucks and buses – EU electricity market reform - COP15 on biodiversity

EU plans for emissions from trucks and buses



The Commission [presented on 14 February](#) its plans to tackle the greenhouse gas emissions from so-called ‘heavy-duty vehicles’ (trucks and buses). The [proposed regulation](#) aims at having zero-emission buses by 2030 and reducing the emissions of new trucks by 90% by 2040. [read](#)

Recent ETUI publications and upcoming training activities and events

Training activities:

- Training on energy poverty in the spotlight [Find out more](#)
- Training on the health cost of extreme weather [Find out more](#)
- Training on just transition and strategies of anticipation of change in companies [Find out more](#)
- Training on EWCs and the environmental transition [Find out more](#)

Publications:

- Nitsche-Whitfield P. (2023) [Beyond economic growth. The role of trade unions in the transition to well-being](#), ETUI Report 2023.03
- Verdolini E. (2023) [Interlinkages between the just ecological transition and the digital transformation](#), ETUI Working paper 2023.01

- Sabato S. and Theodoropoulou S. (2023) [The socio-ecological dimension of the EU's recovery: further traction for the European Green Deal?](#) in: Vanhercke B., Sabato S. and Spasova S. (eds.) (2022) Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2022, Policymaking in a permacrisis, ETUI and OSE
- Schaapman M. (2022) [Towards an OSH agenda on climate change and the green transition](#) in: Bérastegui P. and Staunton B. (2022) Psychosocial risks: a mounting crisis, HesaMag 26, Winter 2022.

Events

- Watch the recording of the conference "[A just transition beyond growth?](#)" which took place on 8-9 December 2022, download the presentations and find some related readings [here](#)

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