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Editorial

This year is the 30th anniversary of the European single market, which is surely one of the EU's greatest achievements. In this day and age, we do not blink twice at the fact that we can easily travel and work throughout the EU and have our goods, services and money move around almost as freely as if it were one country. Our choice of products and services has been enormously expanded, and the younger generations now regard spending a part of their study abroad as an integral part of their education. [Read more](#)

Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI

Publications

Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2022

At the beginning of 2022, hopes were high that the Covid-19 pandemic was on the ebb and that the European Union (EU) would be able to focus again on the main challenge of this century: how to proactively tackle the green and digital transition in a socially fair and inclusive way.

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Are multinational companies good for trade unions?

Multinational companies dominate much of the economies of the new EU member states of central and eastern Europe. They usually claim to respect trade unions at home and many have signed global agreements with international union organisations.

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Interlinkages between the just ecological transition and the digital transformation

Notwithstanding increasing policy and academic debate around the 'twin' digital and ecological transitions, there is no systematic assessment of their linkages, potential synergies and trade-offs. Most fundamentally, the full extent of challenges that their interaction poses for the prospects of a 'just transition' is not fully understood.

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HesaMag #26: Psychosocial risks: a mounting crisis

'If people are unhappy at work it's because they've got problems in their personal lives.' 'Only people who are already fragile are affected by psychosocial risks, it's got nothing to do with the company!' 'Ah, psychosocial risks, that's about harassment right? We don't have any of that!' These are just a few of the deep-rooted stereotypes and misconceptions that are used as excuses not to take action against psychosocial risks.

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Education



News from the EWC training corner

For the European Works Councils' (EWC) training corner the year 2023 has started with the first edition of a joint EWC trainers and experts workshop in Leuven (Belgium). The focus of this training was on turning the EWC agreements into pedagogical sequences, ready to be used in EWC, SE WC and SNB trainings.

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Events

Register now for:

09/01: High-level conference: [Rethinking the European single market](#)

14/02: [Future of work: working with and through digital technology](#) (Please note that the registrations are closed but you will be able to watch the recording afterwards.)

Watch here the recordings of these past events in case you have missed them, or check out the presentations:

31/01: [Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2022](#)

26/01: [Psychosocial risks: a mounting crisis](#) (Launch of HesaMag#26)

Media

- BBC Radio – [interview \(34.12 to 39.25\) with Nicola Countouris on the anti-strike bill](#) (10 January 2023)
- The New Statesman - [Rishi Sunak’s “anti-strike” law won’t work – just look at Europe](#) (10 January 2023)
- Social Europe - [Pay transparency yes, but we need more for equal pay](#) (3 January 2023)
- Le Drenche Ouest France - [Les jeunes méritent une meilleure Europe](#) (19 December 2022)
- Le Point - [Voitures électriques : l’auto-censure de l’Europe](#) (16 December 2022)
- EU Political report - [Electrification: Alarming New ETUI Report](#) (13 December 2022)
- La Libre Belgique - [Tricherie inévitable, coûts pour les citoyens, dérive réglementaire européenne : le tout à la voiture électrique fustigé dans un nouveau rapport](#) (8 December 2022)
- Agence Europe - [ETUI is concerned that revision of regulation on CO2 standards for new cars and vans will undermine momentum for vehicle electrification](#) (7 December 2022)

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