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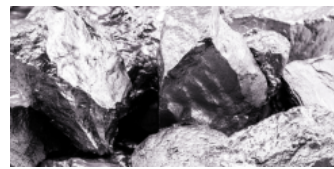
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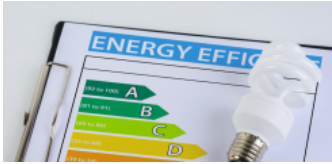
Back in October 2022, the Council and the European Parliament reached a [provisional political agreement](#) on stricter CO2 emission performance standards for new cars and vans, the first of the 'Fit for 55' proposals to be passed into legislation. Accordingly, a 55% CO2 emission reduction target will apply for new cars and 50% for new vans by 2030 compared to 2021 levels, and a 100% CO2 emission reduction target should be reached for both new cars and vans by 2035. The transition to electric vehicles was thus sealed, and the internal combustion engine was relegated to the realms of automotive history. [read](#)



## EU strategy for critical raw materials

On 16 March, the EU Commission presented a [proposal for a regulation](#) (the Critical Raw Materials Act) and a [communication](#) that included potential actions to secure the supply of 'critical raw materials' which are needed for its digital and green transitions. The Commission's plans need to be seen in the context of Europe's Green Deal and against the background of the Russian war in Ukraine, which has confirmed the EU's vulnerability in terms of resource dependency. [read](#)





## Provisional agreement on energy efficiency: lights and shadows

On 10 March 2023, the European Council and the Parliament reached a [provisional agreement to reform the EU Energy Efficiency Directive](#), which lays down rules and obligations for achieving the EU's 2030 energy efficiency targets. The agreement aims to reduce final energy consumption at EU level by 11.7% by 2030, exceeding the Commission's original 'Fit for 55' proposal. [Rapporteur Niels Fuglsang](#) (S&D, DK) presented the agreement as a great victory that is 'not only good for our climate, but bad for Putin'. [read](#)



## UN Water Conference 2023: towards a future water governance?

The [United Nations Water Conference 2023](#) is an important step towards addressing water insecurity, a critical issue in the face of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Following the United Nations agreement to protect the world's oceans, this conference brings together nations to address voluntary commitments to ensure equitable access to water for all. [read](#)



## ETUI training on energy poverty

In February 2023, the Education Department of the ETUI, in partnership with the French General Confederation of Labour (CGT) and the Institute of the Greek General Confederation of Labour (GSEE), led a training activity at the CGT training centre in the suburbs of Paris called 'Energy poverty in the spotlight'. [read](#)

## GreenReads: IPCC 6th assessment report - New dire European State of the Climate report



### IPCC 6th assessment report – synthesis

On 20 March 2023, climate scientists published another ‘last warning’ on the climate emergency. The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released the [synthesis report](#) of its 6th assessment on the state of the global climate crisis. This synthesis draws together all the main findings of the three working group reports which were already published in [2021](#) and [2022](#). [read](#)

### Publications, events, training activities, and podcasts

#### • Events and training activities

Upcoming:

- [11 May 2023: Were national response measures to the energy crisis social and climate-friendly?](#)
- [15-17 May 2023: Beyond growth 2023 conference](#)
- [31 May 2023: Social protection, a key enabler during the green transition](#)

Past:

- [27 April 2023: Why we need a reform of the EU electricity market and how we can make it more socially just](#)
- [4 April 2023, On the way to electromobility – a green\(er\) but more unequal future?](#)
- [21 February 2023: Energy poverty in the spotlight](#)
- [1 February 2023: Intergenerational equity and climate change](#)

Recent publications :

- Galgóczi B. (2023) [On the way to electromobility - a green\(er\) but more unequal future?](#)

Recent podcasts :

- Philippe Pochet & Béla Galgóczi: [What are eco-social policies?](#)

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