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Social protection as facilitator of the green transition: do we need a European Eco-Social Model 2.0?

Brussels, 13 June 2023

The social dimension of the European Green Deal has moved from the sidelines into the centre of policy debates. While this is welcome, its content has remained a patchwork. [Read more and register](#)



News

The European Economic and Social Committee in favour of legislation on psychosocial risks

On the occasion of World Day for Safety and Health at Work, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) is calling on the Commission to adopt binding legislation to prevent psychosocial risks at work. Over the past twenty years, we have witnessed an increase in psychosocial risks in the workplace. According to the latest European Labour Force Survey, 44.6% of workers in Europe are exposed to psychosocial risk factors. [Read more](#)

Asbestos: the European Parliament is in favour of drastically lowering the exposure limit value

On 28 September 2022, the European Commission published a proposal to revise the Asbestos Directive, lowering the occupational exposure limit value (OELV) from 100,000 to 10,000 fibres/m³. Tony Musu, the ETUI

expert following the asbestos dossier, found the proposal disappointing: "The proposed reduction is insufficient to effectively protect the health of exposed workers". [Read more](#)

Labour shortages: not a shortage of skills so much as a shortage of pay

The European Year of Skills will be officially launched on 9 May 2023, but debates about labour shortages should not be focusing only on skills. Labour shortages in the European Union (EU) are currently rising more due to low wages and poor working conditions than as a result of workers' lack of qualifications, according to a study published by the European Trade Union Institute. [Read more](#)

UK government fails to protect workers from being exploited by AI technologies

On 18 April 2023, the Trade Union Congress (TUC) warned that the UK government is failing to protect workers from being 'exploited' by new AI technologies. The warning came as politicians, tech leaders, regulators and unions met for the TUC AI conference in London. [Read more](#)

Amazon urged to sign the International Accord for health and safety

On the 10th anniversary of the Rana Plaza factory collapse, the Make Amazon Pay coalition is urging Amazon to sign the International Accord for health and safety in the textile and garment industry. The International Accord is a legally binding agreement between more than 200 garment brands and global trade unions with a mission to ensure safe workplaces in the textile and garment industry. [Read more](#)

Publications



Labour shortages - turning away from bad jobs
Wouter Janszen

Policy recommendations

- Rising labour shortages reflect structural shifts, including the digital and green transitions, as well as a cyclical component in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The policy debate tends to focus on the need for skills and, where they are deemed to be missing, on bringing in those skills through immigration and mobility. Most discussions ignore the role of job quality, even though labour shortages have increased and are set to rise with lower wages and worse conditions.
- High labour mobility can provide workers with opportunities to leave when making up for the role quality of working conditions, better conditions and higher quality of wages overall.
- A better response to rising wages and working conditions can be done by restoring higher minimum wages and higher quality of working conditions. This can be done by restoring higher minimum wages and higher quality of working conditions.

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Amiante : le Parlement européen se positionne pour un abaissement drastique de la valeur limite d'exposition

Le 28 septembre 2022, la Commission européenne a publié une proposition de révision de la directive amiante visant à abaisser la valeur limite d'exposition professionnelle (VLEP) de 100 000 à 10 000 fibres/m³. Une proposition qui était jugée décevante par Tony Musu, l'expert de l'ETUI qui suit le dossier de l'amiante : "la réduction proposée est insuffisante pour protéger efficacement la santé des travailleurs exposés".

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Le Comité économique et social européen en faveur d'une législation sur les risques psychosociaux

À l'occasion de la Journée mondiale de la santé et de la sécurité au travail, le Comité Économique et Social Européen (CESE) demande à la Commission d'adopter une législation contraignante pour prévenir les risques psychosociaux au travail. Depuis vingt ans, nous assistons à une montée en puissance des risques psychosociaux en entreprise. Selon la dernière enquête européenne Labour Force Survey, 44.6% des travailleurs sont exposés à des facteurs de risque psychosociaux en Europe. [Lire la suite](#)

Le gouvernement britannique ne protège pas les travailleurs contre l'exploitation par les technologies de l'IA

Le 18 avril 2023, le Trade Union Congress (TUC) a averti que le gouvernement britannique ne parvenait pas à protéger les travailleurs contre l'"exploitation" par les nouvelles technologies de l'IA. Cette mise en garde a été formulée alors que des politiciens, des dirigeants du secteur technologique, des régulateurs et des syndicats se réunissaient à Londres pour la conférence du TUC sur l'IA. [Lire la suite](#)

Amazon est invité à signer l'accord international sur la santé et la sécurité

À l'occasion du 10e anniversaire de l'effondrement de l'usine Rana Plaza, la coalition Make Amazon Pay demande instamment à Amazon de signer l'Accord international pour la santé et la sécurité dans l'industrie du textile et de l'habillement. L'Accord international est un accord juridiquement contraignant conclu entre plus de 200 marques de vêtements et des syndicats internationaux, dont la mission est de garantir des lieux de travail sûrs dans l'industrie du textile et de l'habillement. [Lire la suite](#)

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Key labour shortages reflect structural shifts, including the digital and green transitions, as well as a critical component of the state of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The public debate needs to focus on the need for skills and where they are deemed to be missing, as bringing in those skills through temporary and flexible work arrangements spurs the use of job quality over through labour shortages have increased and are spread to jobs with lower wages and worse conditions.

High labour markets can provide workers with opportunities to move when making up for the slow erosion of workers' bargaining power over time. Indeed, this can lead to higher wages, better conditions and higher equality of wages overall.

A future response to regular workers and access to temporary conditions. This can be done by entering higher minimum standards to support quality of work. This report should also be registered.

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Pénuries de main-d'œuvre - se détourner des mauvais emplois

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