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Trade unions ‘beyond growth’ – what next?

Published as far back as 1972, the Club of Rome’s ‘Limits to Growth’ report already pointed to the fact that infinite economic growth is not possible on a planet with finite resources. This has not prevented ‘growthism’ from remaining the status quo and a mantra for politicians. read

IRA one year on – is Europe being sidelined?

It is one year now since the US Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) was signed into law. This newsletter has already covered its main features and pointed to the shockwaves this piece of US legislation has sent across Europe. It was a wake-up call for the EU to adopt a consistent and effective zero carbon industrial policy. read
Social partners’ positions on green deal topics

The ETUC and EPSU on cutting the number of firefighters while wildfires rage across Europe

At a time when several Member States are struggling to control unprecedented wildfires, a joint statement by the ETUC and EPSU quotes Eurostat figures showing that many Member States were reducing the number of firefighters as a measure to cut public spending. read

ETUI Massive Open Online Course: ‘Acquiring skills for labour and environmental justice’

While climate change is posing unprecedented challenges to existing socio-economic models in Europe and beyond, the crisis of welfare systems based on growth, consumption and redistribution calls for in-depth rethinking of the role of labour law and industrial relations institutions in current and future societies. read


- Off-the-charts, extreme weather events in the summer of 2023 have shocked the climate scientists’ community. While some experts report that their climate models predicted these developments, others believe that the climate crisis is undergoing a dramatic acceleration. Read the Guardian article ‘Off-the-charts records: has humanity finally broken the climate?’ and the Phenomenal World analysis of Global Boiling. read

Training activities and events

Upcoming events:

- 05/10: Transformative pathways towards a new European eco-social model, hybrid conference
- 08/01/24-18/02/24: Skills for labour and environmental justice, online course (MOOC)

Upcoming training courses:

- Green transition calls for green jobs
- Green transition in wood and forestry and the potential for an innovative trade union CBA agenda
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