

Benchmarking Working Europe launched

The highlight of our activities in March was the launch of the ETUI's annual flagship publication [Benchmarking Working Europe](#). Published with the motto 'Halfway through a lost decade', this fact-based evaluation of the EU's anti-crisis management of the last five years highlights the need for a radical change of course and a European investment plan.

A new edition of HesaMag, the ETUI's magazine about health and safety at work, looks at the working conditions in the recycling and waste sector. It was launched at a well-attended conference 'Green Jobs – safe jobs'.

This year's conference of the Trade Union related Research Institutes (TURI) network will be hosted by its Bulgarian members and will take place in Sofia on 23 and 24 of June. Among the issues for discussion will be the trade union strategies during the crisis and the issues on the agenda of the trade union movement after the European elections.

Sofia will also be the host for the ETUI Education Day on 22 October. The overarching theme for EduDay this year is the state and future of European Works Councils. The EduDay will be followed by our two-day (23-24 Oct) Education conference, where priorities and methodologies for the future will be discussed.

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Publications

ETUI-ETUC: Benchmarking Working Europe 2014



The Benchmarking Working Europe report comprises a critical, fact-based diagnosis of the first five years of the EU's crisis management policies in view of the Europe 2020 agenda.

It suggests that Europe finds itself "half-way through a lost decade" and provides the scientific underpinning of the ETUC's political roadmap for a 'new path for Europe'.

The [full report](#) as well as an [infographic](#) and a [short video](#) report are available from the ETUI web site. A special Monthly Forum on this report and the Europe 2020 agenda will take place on 25 April (more info via our website).

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Isabelle Schömann: Labour law reforms in Europe: adjusting employment protection legislation for the worse?

This new working paper is intended to map reforms of employment protection law in the member states with the aim of addressing these legal changes in the context of the crisis, but also in the context of the deregulation agenda of the European Commission.

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Sascha Meinert: Field manual scenario building

This guide builds on [Worker participation 2030](#) project which looked at the future of worker participation under four different scenarios. It is a manual for people who want to know more about scenario-building and are considering setting up their own scenario project.

It has been designed as a compact and easily accessible overview of the method of scenario building and the different steps entailed in the process.

Events

Save the dates

- 23 May: Conference **The social-ecological transition: the role of business and labour**, with Pavan Sukhdev, author of 'Corporation 2020. Transforming business for tomorrow's world'.
- 30 May: Monthly Forum **IPCC report on climate change: impacts on employment**.
- 24-26 September: Conference **Europe at a crossroads. Which way to quality jobs and prosperity?**
- 22-24 October, Sofia: **EduDay and EduConf**

29 April: Conference: Fatih Birol (IEA): Europe's energy transition: between sustainability and affordability



At this first conference in a new ETUI cycle on 'the socio-ecological transition', Mr Birol, chief economist at the International Energy Agency will deliver a thorough analysis of the environmental and economic dimension of Europe's much needed energy revolution.

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Past events

Green jobs - safe jobs? Jobs and the environment in the waste and recycling sectors

At the occasion of the launch of a special HesaMag report on working conditions in the waste and recycling sector on 27 March, the ETUI invited trade union officials, academics and NGOs to its conference 'Green jobs – safe jobs' to discuss the issue and see what needs to change.

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Michael Stollt and Sascha Meinert (ed): La participation des travailleurs à l'horizon 2030 – Quatre scénarios

The ETUI 2010 scenario publication has now been translated into French (also available in [English](#) and [German](#)). It sets itself an audacious task: casting a long look forward into the future, namely the year 2030. Four alternative scenarios explore the long-term prospects and changing contexts of worker participation, in its various forms, in Europe.

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Mike Scott : Public funding for green energy in a context of crisis

This summary report looks at how the financial and economic crisis has affected financial support by public authorities for renewable energy in six EU countries (Germany, Spain, Italy, UK, Sweden and Bulgaria).

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Training

Training on the impact of austerity on Health and Safety

The ETUI's Education Department and the Health and Safety Unit, in partnership with OPZZ, will deliver a course on 'Health and Safety facing austerity: challenges for Trade Unions' in Krakow, Poland, from 6-7 May 2014.

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Trade unions, the investment plan and the European Semester

From 17-19 June, the ETUI's Education Department organises a training course on the role of trade unions in the European Semester process. The training aims to enhance trade union capacity to be consulted at national level during the European Semester.

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SE Europe Network Meeting – 24-25 March 2014, Brussels

At its meeting on 24–25 March 2014, the [SE Europe Network](#) addressed the possible implications of the EU Commission's REFIT Agenda for the three information and consultation Directives and the eight company law Directives affected. The outlook for impending Social Partner consultations and a possible social dialogue procedure was also discussed with representatives from the ETUC. Updates about the ETUI's work on the area of workers' participation were presented and discussed.

Training: What kind of trade union for what kind of Europe?



From 20 to 22 of March 2014, twenty international secretaries from ETUC affiliates gathered in Sesimbra (PT) for a special ETUI training course on the question: 'What kind of trade union for what kind of Europe?'

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A new CoP is born: Trade Union and Workers education training centres and schools.

During a two-day workshop, more than twenty centres specialized in training and education for trade unions and workers decided to organise a new 'Community of Practice' (CoP).

This training activity, held in the ITC – International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin - from 27-28 of March, was organised by the Education Department of ETUI, in cooperation with ACTRAV-ILO and SOLIDAR.

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ETUI training for ETUC Young Trade Union leaders

Twenty trade unionist members of the ETUC Youth Committee attended a four days (27-30 March 2014) course in Rome aimed at enhancing team building and identifying further training needs.

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