



Editorial

It's the end of another year and the recent developments at the European level have set the tone for an interesting 2020. The European Green Deal announced by the Commission on 11 December has the potential to be a huge step towards achieving a necessary paradigm shift in climate policy and gives Europe the opportunity to set the example for other world regions. However, some EU Member States still need to be convinced to accept the bold plans of the European Commission. The labour movement, meanwhile, needs to be reassured by a comprehensive just transition strategy in order to fully back the deal. The moment of action seems to have arrived but we are yet to see a roadmap with concrete steps to change the existing model. There is a crucial need for financial investment, not only into the development of new technologies but also into ensuring the livelihoods of people who are losing their jobs because of the climate transition. In this regard, we are looking forward to the 48 key actions announced by the Commission and more particularly to the European Climate Pact (March 2020), the Just Transition Mechanism which will include a Just Transition Fund and a Sustainable Europe Investment Plan (January 2020), the Chemicals strategy for sustainability (summer 2020) and, last but not least, the EU industrial strategy (March 2020).

The ETUI will continue its work on sustainable development and the need to include a social dimension in all relevant policies. On 21 January we will kick off the new year with a [Monthly Forum on the transformation of two key sectors of the European economy: energy and the automotive industry](#). Those two cases demonstrate why social interventions to secure workers' rights and livelihoods need to be an integral part of the economic shift towards sustainability.

I am also very happy to announce the ETUI-ETUC three-day conference '**Towards a New Socio-Ecological Contract**' which will be held on **24-26 June 2020, in Brussels**. It is the fourth time that we organise this flagship event. The purpose of this year's conference is to discuss how we can achieve economic, social and environmental sustainability via a new social contract in which workers are actively involved. Some of the questions we will be considering are: How can we create a sustainable European growth model? What targets or objectives should be set, and how might they be reached? How can we reverse the trend towards growing inequalities? What kind of Green New Deal is a realistic and feasible prospect for Europe? What elements of justice, solidarity and equity constitute a fair and sustainable social foundation? What are the roles of the market, the state, industry and civil society? And what role can trade unions play to build a sustainable future that addresses all these dimensions?

I look forward to keeping you informed about the work of the Institute over the coming year and wish you a peaceful holiday season and a happy New Year!

Philippe Pochet, General director ETUI

Publications

HesaMag #20 Migrant



workers in Fortress Europe

The number of legally resident migrants stands at over 22 million, but the number of Europe's "undocumented" migrants, whose status is precarious and whose rights in many areas are limited as a result, is much harder to determine. These migrants are often forced to tolerate adverse working conditions; since they are discriminated against in the labour market, both male and female migrant workers are pushed into low-skill industries and professions that are more hazardous to health and less well-paid than other jobs, a situation that is justified by racist stereotypes and assumptions.

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Digital labour in central and eastern Europe

This working paper presents the results of the ETUI Internet and Platform Work Survey conducted in Bulgaria, Hungary, Latvia, Poland and Slovakia in 2018-2019. The objective is to map the extent of digital labour in central and eastern Europe (CEE) based on the analysis of two types of online sources for generating income: internet work; and its subset, platform work.

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Towards a progressive EMU fiscal governance

Starting from the view that the crises in the euro zone were basically triggered by financial markets and reinforced by a lack of instruments for effective economic policy at the EMU level (Economic and Monetary Union), this working paper contributes to the ongoing debate on how to reform the Eurozone.

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- Support researchers and education officers in publishing their content online and developing data-visualisations based on ETUI contents

- (publications, trainings, events,...)
- Contribute to the development and impact of the ETUI's communications
 - Contribute to the evolving online corporate identity
 - Purchasing and creating an inventory related to hardware, software and other IT supplies.

Deadline to apply: **15 January 2020**

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15-16/01: [Seminar on Strategic Litigation on Occupational Health and Safety](#)

21/01: [Monthly Forum: The European Green Deal and just transition: coal, cars and the world of work](#)

23/01: [Reviving economic democracy in Ireland after the crisis](#)

24/01: [Lunch debate and film screening: The Lucas Plan: democratising technology to protect the environment](#)

SAVE THE DATE 24-26 June 2020 ETUI-ETUC conference: Towards a new socio-ecological contract (*more information will follow soon*)

If you wish to receive invitations for ETUI events, please register here.

Training



EduDays 2019 – Shaking Europe Together

The EduDays' organised by the Education Department took place on the 28 and 29 November in Vienna. This 19th Edition encompassed the newest European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) education strategy which will be implemented over the next four years.

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