

[Unsubscribe](#)

[View in your browser](#)



Editorial

'Business as usual' is not an option

Normally, the ETUI would have started its new work programme on 1 April. In the times of the COVID crisis, however, 'business as usual' is not an option. We knew we had to adapt our activities at the ETUI, but the question was: how? This urgent and unprecedented health crisis has not only put a stop to our normal way of working but also disrupted our ongoing and upcoming research and training activities. In this new situation, we have had to re-invent our way of doing things at the Institute, something which has been and continues to be a difficult exercise. As a rule, we do not respond to immediate day-to-day issues, so how could we use our expertise to be useful to the world of work at this moment? Thanks to a joint effort from our staff, however, we were able to develop a series of new initiatives which I would like to draw your attention to. [Read more](#)

Philippe Pochet, General director ETUI

Publications

Blockchain in the world of work: hype or hope?

Among the many disruptive new technologies that have emerged recently, blockchain is the one that has the most potential to profoundly revolutionise society and the labour market. For blockchain to be socially acceptable, however, accountability and transparency in the governance of its architecture is necessary – as is giving all actors, including workers, the ability to become co-creators in its technological development and to shape its implementation.

[Read more](#)

Covid-19 contact-tracing apps: how to prevent privacy from becoming the next victim

Contact-tracing apps to combat the Covid-19 pandemic have increasingly been mentioned as useful tools to accompany and contribute to a return to normality despite the many ethical and legal questions they raise. The pressure exerted by business circles and lobbies to restart and 'save the economy' has been intense. What started as a public health crisis morphed into an economic crisis and we are now

faced with a 'trick-or-treat' choice: accept to 'pay the price' and use invasive tracing apps, and by so doing facilitate a gradual reopening of business, or fight for privacy and delay the return to normality.

[Read more](#)

European multinational companies and trade unions in eastern and east-central Europe

Are foreign multinational companies more or less likely than domestically-owned firms to recognise trade unions and engage seriously in collective bargaining? On the face of it, a multinational company is in a stronger position relative to employees as it can play off one group against another. On the other hand, big multinationals often recognise unions in their home countries. The US trade union confederation the AFL-CIO is hoping to improve organisation in branches of European companies in the southern states of the USA. What can be learned in this respect from experience inside Europe?

[Read more](#)

Sickness benefits in the EU: making sense of diversity

One of the hallmarks of the European Union (EU) Member States' social protection systems, unlike that of other regions in the world, is the right to income protection in case of sickness. To differing extents, all EU countries provide three types of arrangements in case of sickness: a) sick leave; b) sick pay; and c) sickness benefits.

[Read more](#)

Job vacancies



[Vacancy for a full-time Education Officer EWC training coordinator](#)

ETUI is looking for a full-time Education Officer EWC training coordinator to develop the ETUI's potential, advise on, expertise on and run EWC and SE-works councils training and, to coordinate the EWC resources and network of the Education department, act as expert and focus point for the EWC's, the European Trade Union Confederation and the trade unions across Europe.

- Deadline to apply: 20 May 2020

[Vacancy for a researcher on \(EU\) Occupational Safety and Health Law and Working Conditions](#)

Within a dynamic international environment, you will work in a team of around 7 researchers that covers a broad spectrum of occupational health and safety and working conditions issues from a European perspective. Your main task will be to design, conduct and manage in cooperation with your colleagues - research projects on (EU) Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Law (including enforcement and litigation) and translate the evidence into policy recommendations and recommendations for regulatory processes.

- Deadline to apply: 28 May 2020

[View the vacancies](#)

etui.podcast - voices on the world of work



- Episode #7 (EN) with Silvia Raionone, [COVID19 with a little help from the EU and the case of Italy](#)
- Episode #6 (FR) avec Philippe Pochet, [Quatre scénarios pour l'avenir de l'Europe après la crise](#)
- Episode #5 (EN) with Ilaria Costantini, [Trade union education in times of crisis: is the online a viable solution?](#)
- Episode #4 (EN) with Bela Galgoczi, [COVID19 and the climate crisis: their interconnections and lessons from both](#)
- Episode #3 (EN) with Zane Rasnača [Social protection and the rule of law in times of COVID19, the case of Latvia](#)
- Episode #2 (FR) avec Laurent Vogel [La crise du Covid-19 analysée sous l'angle de la santé et sécurité au travail](#)
- Episode #1 (EN) with Stan De Spiegelaere [COVID19, the crisis we did not expect and its impact on work, the case of Belgium](#)

Follow here

Save the date

14/05: [ETUI webinar: Living wage or basic income: which way to go to alleviate the economic consequences of the Covid crisis?](#) **Register here**

[SAVE THE DATE 16/11: New beginnings? The European Pillar of Social Rights and the new Commission](#)

[NEW DATE 3-5/02/2021: ETUI-ETUC conference: Towards a new socio-ecological contract](#)

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

Training

In the pipeline: a trailer on green competences

The Covid-19 crisis represents one of the biggest emergencies that human societies have had to face. Meanwhile, when it comes to ongoing emergencies, the problem of climate change must not be forgotten. This is an issue which will stay long after the end of the Covid-19 pandemic. For sure, climate change is a challenge that will last well beyond our own generation.

[Read more](#)

5 online courses for the period April - July 2020

Faced with the disruption of face-to-face training caused by the COVID-19, the ETUI Education director decided to accelerate the original workplan for digital learning and training and increase the range and volume of online learning activities as much as possible. This includes the accelerating of the development of new online courses and creating new forms of online learning experience on new topics.

[Read more](#)

In the media

- Knack, ['Positieve effecten van vakbonden op veiligheid op het werk kunnen we in een pandemie goed gebruiken'](#) (6 May 2020)
- Arbetsvärlden, [ILO och Världsfacket: Corona slår hårdast mot fattiga länder](#) (5 May 2020)
- NPR News, [Greece Faces Economic Crisis As It Combats Coronavirus Outbreak](#) (4 May 2020)
- Research Professional, [Nanomaterials safety warning 'reflects systemic EU problems'](#) (4 May 2020)
- European Movement in Scotland, [Four scenarios for Europe's future](#) (3 May 2020)
- EL Regio, [Un Día del Trabajo diferente por la pandemia de coronavirus](#) (2 May 2020)
- Social Canada, [Four scenarios for Europe's future after the crisis](#) (2 May 2020)
- MSN finanças, ["Crise terá um impacto como nenhuma outra no passado" no mercado](#) (2 May 2020)
- Social Europe, [Four scenarios for Europe's future after the crisis](#) (30 Apr 2020)
- Follow the Money, [Bracht 'advies' van de EU de zorg in Spanje aan het wankelen?](#) (29 Apr 2020)
- Le Soir, [Les travailleurs disposent d'un droit de retrait en Belgique](#) (24 Apr 2020)
- PSnews, [Ce rol a jucat UE în reducerea cheltuielilor cu sănătatea după criza din 2008](#) (17 Apr 2020)
- Trends, [De vakbonden hebben even geen tijd om te spelen](#) (10 Apr 2020)

ETUI respects your privacy. We are updating our data protection policies following the GDPR principles and legal requirements. You have the right to ask further information on how your data is used by contacting dataprivacy@etui.org If you wish to modify your personal data in our database you can contact mnikolova@etui.org

We would like to keep in touch with you. To update your preferences regarding the information you would like to receive from the ETUI please [click here](#)

The ETUI is financially supported by the European Union. ETUI, aisbl 2020

Koning Albert II Laan 5
Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5
Brussels, 1210
Belgium

[Unsubscribe from this newsletter](#)

[Unsubscribe from all ETUI email communication](#)

