



Editorial

One year ago our former colleague Grigor Gradev passed away. To keep the memory of Grigor and to continue his work, the ETUC and the ITUC have set up [a scholarship](#) with the ETUI to promote the thinking behind promoting workers' rights and dignity in a Europe in circumstances of deep transformation and dire economic conditions. The three-month scholarship is aimed at young researchers who specialise in labour relations studies and who have a concrete research project focused on Central and Eastern Europe, the South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus or Central Asia on issues that refer to improving workers' rights and dignity.

Throughout his career as Director of the CITIB research institute, as ETUI senior researcher, and most of all as PERC Executive Secretary Grigor Gradev invested a lot in building the capacities of European unions, particularly in those countries that transitioned from a planned to a market economy, in promoting workers' interests in challenging reform processes and in encouraging and helping unions from different parts of Europe to cooperate and work together. He did this not only by engaging in the political work, but also by contributing substantially to the intellectual thinking behind that work.

The ETUI is honored to take part in this scholarship in memory of Grigor Gradev. It will reinforce the work of the Institute on the socio-economic developments in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe and at the same time will encourage young researchers to engage with issues related to workers' rights. Recently the work of the ETUI related to Central and Eastern Europe has focused on [wages](#), [wage development](#) and [minimum wages](#), but also on [innovative trade union practices](#), [foreign direct investment](#), etc. The ETUI is also publishing for many years now [SEER - the Journal for Labour and Social Affairs in Eastern Europe](#) - which aims to stimulate an exchange of information between researchers, trade unionists and people who have a special interest in the political, social and economic development of the region of eastern Europe.

Philippe Pochet, General director ETUI

Publications

The Social Scoreboard revisited

This timely new publication revisits the Social Scoreboard published by the European Commission (EC) on the 26th of April 2017. The European Commission's Social Scoreboard proposes 35 indicators to monitor 12 areas of principles associated with the EPSR and provides an interactive tool to compare countries and time periods.

[Download the publication](#)

Events

23/11: [Travailler dans un monde d'algorithmes](#)

28/11: [Book launch: Building the European Public Service Unions, the history of EPSU from 1978 to 2016](#)

1/12: [Monthly forum: Core and Contingent Work](#)

12/12: SAVE THE DATE: Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2017

14/12: [Monthly forum: The rise of far-right parties and the future of the European Union](#)

Focus

There are currently two job vacancies at the ETUI. We are looking for

- a Head of Unit of the Communication/Publication joint service

Download the full vacancy [here](#). Applications and supporting documents (CV, evidence of qualifications, etc.) should be sent **before 23 November 2017**.

- a researcher on ergonomics and working conditions

Download the full vacancy [here](#). Applications and supporting documents (CV, list of publications, etc.) should be sent **before 15 December 2017**.

Recent events

The European Pillar of Social Rights: a fresh chance to rebalance the social and economic dimensions of European integration?

On 8 November, the ETUI hosted a monthly forum to present the recent and timely work done by the institute's own researchers on the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR). It is the second event in a series of activities by the ETUI that reflect on the nature of the EPSR, particularly in terms of its content and impact on labour and social rights.

Social health inequalities top of the agenda at ETUI's 'Work and Cancer' conference

'Workplaces are not merely spaces where people work – they are spaces where people live their lives. Anything which would be prohibited on grounds of consumer health or environmental protection should also be prohibited in workplaces.' These were the words with which Laurent Vogel, a researcher at the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), closed the 'Work and Cancer' conference organised by the ETUI on 14 and 15 November in Brussels.

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Training

Start of a new edition of ETUI course for young trade union leaders

A new edition of the ETUI course "European training for young trade union leaders" took place in Bratislava on 10-14 October.

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Recruiting and organising workers in public services

Twenty-six EPSU members participated in an ETUI training on recruiting and organizing workers in public services in Bucharest on 14-16 November 2017.

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In the media

23/11: [Le Socle européen des droits sociaux : instrument pour combler les fossés ou initiative vouée à l'échec?](#), blogdroiteuropéen

21/11: [Clé de l'info : y-a-t-il plus de grèves en Wallonie qu'en Flandre?](#), RTBF JT 19h30

19/11: [Europe sociale, mode d'emploi](#), Le Monde

16/11: [The European Pillar of Social Rights: Bridging the gaps or falling short?](#), EUOPP – European Politics and Policy blog

15/11: [Hrvatska zbog troškova raka svake godine gubi četiri milijarde eura](#), Index.fr

15/11: [SSSH 'Hrvatska zbog profesionalnog raka svake godine gubi četiri milijarde eura'](#), nacional.hr

15/11: [Environ 400 milliards d'euros : le faramineux coût des cancers professionnels en Europe !](#), bastamag.net

14/11: [The European Pillar of Social Rights in historical perspective](#), EUOPP – European Politics and Policy blog

14/11: [Les cancers liés au travail coûtent plus de 10 milliards d'euros par an à la Belgique](#), L'Echo

14/11: [Les cancers liés au travail coûteraient 380 millions](#), L'essentiel

13/11: [Au Bout du Monde : Les Cancers professionnels](#), RTBF

13/11: [Les coûts des cancers professionnels évalués à 10 milliards d'euros en Belgique](#), L'Avenir

13/11: [Kost van werkgerelateerde kankers geraamd op tien miljard euro in België](#), Het Nieuwsblad

13/11: [I tumori professionali costano fino a 610 miliardi l'anno](#), Rassegna sindacale

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