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EDITORIAL

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'Starting out from the actor and not from the product'

Europe is investing considerable resources in the development of a greener future, in the achievement of sustainable and inclusive growth for EU 2020, and the scale of this effort is liable to create the impression that 'green' is to be interpreted as meaning 'better'. Yet such an assumption might be somewhat misleading, for the shift towards a greener economy must be seen to entail demonstrable support for human labour.

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ETUI activities

Learning to be green: future skills for green jobs

At this workshop co-organised by Cedefop, the EU agency for training and skills, and the European Parliament, which took place in Brussels on 29 September, the agency's recent report on green jobs was presented and it was discussed how the move to a low-carbon economy is affecting the demand for skills. According to the ETUI special attention should be paid to the creation of quality jobs based on a dynamic employment policy and social protection.

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Trade Unions' activities

ETUC participates in the Ministerial Conference on 'Green Jobs'

During the ministerial conference 'Promoting green employment: a major and indispensable driver behind a successful transition towards a competitive low carbon economy' organised by the Belgian Presidency of the Council of Europe on 28-29 of September in La Hulpe, Brussels, the ETUC affirmed that all sectors are concerned for greening the economy. Anne Panneels, ETUC advisor, emphasized that the question should rather be: how to ensure a just transition to green and at the same time good quality jobs?

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ITUC: World Day for Decent Work 2010

3 messages were put forward during the 2010 edition of the World Day for Decent Work: growth and decent jobs, not austerity, are essential to beating the crisis and ending poverty; quality public services are essential for a decent life and must not be slashed in the name of fiscal consolidation; and, the financial sector must pay for the damage it has caused and be made to serve the real economy and real human needs.

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TUC Conference: Alliances for Green Growth

200 delegates took part in the TUC's annual climate change conference, *Alliances for Green Growth*, which outlined the need to 'build a new kind of economy that 'free markets alone will not deliver'.

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Workshop on climate change, its impacts on employment and labour markets

The workshop held in Brussels, was organised by the Global Union Research Network (GURN) and coordinated by the ILO's Bureau for Workers' Activities (ACTRAV) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC). The aim was to discuss academic research on the employment aspects of climate change and identify research gaps that would help the global

trade union movement in its efforts to build cohesion.

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EU news

The Council adopted conclusions on the EU position for the Cancun climate conference in Mexico

The EU expects the meeting to adopt a balanced set of decisions that contribute to establishing an international regime to protect the climate after 2012. The Council reiterated its preference that this should take the form of a single legally binding instrument. At the same time, it confirmed its willingness to consider a second commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol if this were part of a wider outcome including the perspective of a global framework engaging all major economies.

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Commission's Communication: 'An integrated industrial policy for the globalisation era'

The Communication- a flagship initiative of the Europe 2020 strategy - adopted on 28th of October, sets out a strategy that aims to boost growth and jobs by maintaining and supporting a strong, diversified and competitive industrial base in Europe offering well-paid jobs while becoming less carbon intensive.

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EU meets social partners for stronger cooperation and better governance

At the Tripartite Social Summit with the European workers' and employers' representatives, the debate focused on how the Commission's Europe 2020 strategy could achieve smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and employment and ensure social cohesion, equity and the upholding of the European social model.

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Events

Towards a Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility Strategies in the 21st Century Global Market

November 15-17, 2010
Universidad Politécnica de Valencia
Valencia, Spain

The 6th Annual Brussels Climate Change Conference 2010

17-18 November
Crown Plaza Hotel, Brussels, BE

Sustainable development - Making our voice heard

UCU Environment Conference
November 18, 2010
UCU Head Office
London, UK

Building Public Awareness of CO2 Capture and Storage

November 23, 2010
EESC
Brussels, Belgium

Europe Environment Policy: what's next? ... Towards a genuine 7th Environmental Action Programme

November 25-26, 2010
Square Brussels, Brussels

United Nations Climate Change Conference Cancun - COP 16 & CMP 6

29 November - 10 December 2010
Cancun, Mexico

Closure of the 2010 International Year for Biodiversity conference.

What is the best way to communicate the socio-economic value of biodiversity?

Belgian Presidency of the European Council
14 December 2010
Marcinelle, Belgium

Other Actors and Documents

Green Works Report 2008-2010

TUC green work places project

Skills for green jobs - 21 background countries studies

ILO August 2010

Case study: The impact of climate change on employment: management of transitions through social dialogue.

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