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Hilde Hardeman Director-General of the Publications Office of the European Union



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Activities of the European Union

Standard Eurobarometer 93

The EU and the coronavirus outbreak – Report

The *Standard Eurobarometer* 93 survey was conducted from 9 July to 23 August 2020 in 34 countries or territories: the 27 Member States of the EU, the United Kingdom, the five candidate states (Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey) and the Turkish Cypriot Community in the part of the country not controlled by the government of the Republic of Cyprus. The full report of *Standard Eurobarometer* 93 consists of several volumes. The present volume analyses European citizens' views on the EU and the coronavirus pandemic before its second wave.

Available in English, French and German



2021 – 68 pages ISBN 978-92-76-25135-4 doi:10.2775/652700 Catalogue number: NA-AO-20-010-EN-N



The Polluter Pays Principle

Inconsistent application across EU environmental policies and actions – Special report 12/2021

Pollution represents a significant cost for society and is a key concern for EU citizens. By applying the polluterpays principle (PPP), polluters are incentivised to avoid environmental damage and are held responsible for the pollution that they cause. The PPP is reflected and applied to varying degrees in the different EU environmental policies. The European Court of Auditors special report recommends strengthening the integration of the PPP into environmental legislation, reinforcing the environmental liability regime at EU level and better protecting EU funds from being used to finance projects that should be funded by the polluter.

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Shaping Europe

Recent EESC achievements - 2021 edition

The European Economic and Social Committee is a powerful voice for civil society in challenging times. It has played an active role in shaping policies relating to the ad hoc response to COVID-19 and to overcoming the crisis. In parallel, it has maintained a long-term, forward-looking approach, working to prepare economies and societies for the post-COVID-19 reality. This publication presents some of its recent actions and initiatives that have made a difference and had an impact on shaping Europe.

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Who We Are - What We Do

A guide to the European Security and Defence College – 2021/2022 academic year

In this small publication, you can read more about the way the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) is organised and what it does. You will see an overview of its network's training activities and discover where you can find more information about it's activities. You will learn more about how the European Union is acting in the field of the common security and defence policy, within the broader framework of its common foreign and security policy.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

State of the Union 2021

15 September

Every year in September, the President of the European Commission delivers a State of the Union address before the European Parliament, taking stock of achievements of the past year and presenting priorities for the year ahead. The president also sets out how the European Commission will address the most pressing challenges the European Union is facing. The speech is followed by a plenary debate. Ursula von der Leyen, the President of the European Commission, delivered her second State of the Union address on 15 September 2021.

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European Sovereignty

Strategy and independence

The notion of European 'strategic sovereignty' is increasingly important in debates about the EU. Given the rapidly shifting global geopolitical and technology trends, and the seeming fragmentation of the multilateral order, the EU is being forced to confront its own position in international affairs. This publication examines in detail the elements of the debate about European sovereignty by also providing case studies.

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Public Administrations in the EU Member States

2020 overview

The current publication presents a comparative overview of the characteristics and recent developments in the public administrations in the 27 EU Member States, from a qualitative and quantitative perspective. It is based on analytical work carried out under the contract 'European Public Administration Country Knowledge 3'. The publication builds on data collected under the European public administration country knowledge project.

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2020 EU Audit in Brief

Introducing the 2020 annual reports of the European Court of Auditors

The 2020 EU Audit in Brief provides an overview of the 2020 annual reports on the EU's general budget and the European Development Fund, which presents the statement of assurance as to the reliability of the accounts and the legality and regularity of the transactions underlying them. It also outlines key findings regarding revenue and the main areas of spending under the EU budget and the European Development Fund, as well as findings relating to budgetary and financial management, and follow-up of previous recommendations.

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EU Budget Policy Brief

The evolving nature of the EU budget – No 1, October 2021

The EU budget has evolved over the decades in terms of its financing, expenditure components and functions. In spite of its relatively small size compared to Member States' budgets, the multiannual financial framework has a considerable structural and macroeconomic impact, which is substantially reinforced by NextGenerationEU.

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EUISS Yearbook of European Security

2021

The 2021 Yearbook of European Security by the European Union Institute for Security Studies provides an overview of events in 2020 that were significant for European security. It also charts major developments in the EU's external action and security and defence policy. This edition contains a specific section on the EU's multilateral efforts and response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Standard Eurobarometer 95

European citizenship - Report

The present volume of the spring 2021 *Standard Eurobarometer* survey focuses on European citizenship. Here we analyse the following issues: attachment to the European Union, particularly compared with Europeans' attachment to their city/town/village, to their country and to Europe; perceptions of the achievements of the European Union; and the notion of European citizenship. Do Europeans feel that their quality of life is better than before? Do they have confidence in the future?

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The trailblazers who helped build today's Europe

From resistance fighters and Holocaust survivors to politicians and even a movie star, the visionary leaders described in this booklet inspired the creation of the Europe we live in today. The EU pioneers are a diverse group of people, but they shared the same ideal: a peaceful, united and prosperous Europe.

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A Short Guide to the EU

Ever wondered which EU Member States use the euro or what it means to be part of the Schengen area? What the European Green Deal is and how it will make your life better? What exactly the EU does for you and where the money comes from to pay for it all? Read this short guide to find out everything you need to know about the EU.

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Towards the Future of Europe

Social factors shaping optimism and pessimism among citizens

For more than a decade, uncertainty about the future in most parts of the EU has been growing. This report identifies the key drivers of people's perceptions about the future and explores whether optimists and pessimists differ in their socioeconomic, cultural and political characteristics. To examine the extent to which optimists and pessimists behave and feel differently, the report looks at their socioeconomic and sociopolitical profiles. Finally, it explores how the level of optimism differs in the Member States in relation to country context. The analyses use data from before the COVID-19 pandemic, and the results demonstrate the importance of monitoring how people's feelings about the future evolve during the recovery from the crisis.

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Agriculture • Forestry • Fisheries

Preliminary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on European agriculture

A sector-based analysis of food systems and market resilience – Annexes

This study provides a preliminary quantitative and qualitative analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on European agriculture and the agri-food supply chain in light of the responses deployed by the European Union and its Member States to mitigate its effects.

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2021 – 94 pages ISBN 978-92-846-7999-7 doi:10.2861/03234 Catalogue number: QA-08-21-087-EN-N



Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on EU fisheries and aquaculture

This study analyses the effects of COVID-19 on the EU fisheries and aquaculture sectors from March to December 2020. It gives an overview of the main effects experienced at the EU level and develops eight case studies (Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Portugal and Sweden). The research also provides conclusions and policy recommendations to strengthen the sector's resilience to shocks, and to address current vulnerabilities with a view to potential similar events.

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CORDIS Results Pack on Plant Health

Plants are a primary source of food for us and for the animals we eat. They help regulate the climate and are a part of the natural environment in which we live. With millions of people regularly employed in the agricultural sector, plants are also a key part of the EU economy. Ensuring plant health is therefore paramount in safeguarding the EU's economic stability and its citizens' well-being. This new edition of the *CORDIS Results Pack on Plant Health* showcases 12 EU-funded projects at the forefront of research and innovation activities in this domain.

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Rural inspiration awards 2021

The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development – Projects brochure

Since 2019, the Rural Inspiration Awards (RIA) awarded by the European Network for Rural Development have been highlighting projects that use funding from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development to contribute to rural development policy objectives. The RIA competition aims to promote the transfer of knowledge and networking among rural development stakeholders. The RIA 2021, 'Our Rural Future', celebrated initiatives financed by the agricultural fund that may inspire the development path for rural areas to be set out in the long term vision for rural areas. For this RIA edition, the European Network for Rural Development received 125 entries from 22 Member States.

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The Regional Dimension of the CAP

2007-2018

The common agricultural policy (CAP) is one of the main pillars of the European Union project. Since 1962, it has been implemented across the EU territory in a fashion tailored to the region's needs. This report explores a rich dataset on disaggregated CAP payments and regional characteristics to describe the regional dimension of the CAP. The study finds clear evidence that more-developed regions tend to benefit from policy mixes with a relatively low contribution from pillar 2. On the other hand, developing and less-developed regions tend to implement a mix of instruments that privilege rural development actions.



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Key Figures on the European Food Chain

2021 edition

This publication presents a selection of indicators concerning the food chain, from primary production in agriculture and fisheries through to consumption. Data are presented for the European Union, its individual Member States and European Free Trade Agreement countries. It provides an introduction to agriculture, fisheries and food-chain statistics, and a starting point for exploring a wide range of data available on Eurostat's website (ec.europa.eu/eurostat).

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Economy • Finance

Do fundamentals explain differences between euro area sovereign interest rates?

This paper explores the determinants of sovereign interest rate spreads of euro-area countries (in relation to Germany) from 2000 to 2019. It focuses on fundamental factors, namely fiscal, macroeconomic and institutional variables, while also considering contextual factors such as global risk aversion and controlling for the influence of central banks' asset purchases. The analysis confirms that sovereign spreads respond to fundamental variables, especially government debt, indicating that such a response is non-linear. The results also show that structural factors, such as potential growth and the quality of institutions, can largely mitigate the impact from government debt on spreads.

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Quantifying Spillovers of Next Generation EU Investment

NextGenerationEU provides significant financial support for reforms and investment, resulting in a coordinated fiscal expansion across the EU in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Thus, fiscal spillovers are relevant for the assessment of its overall macroeconomic effects. We quantify the effects of the additional investment expenditure for each Member State by extending a standard macro model with a rich trade structure. Our model suggests that the EU-wide gross domestic product effects are around one third larger when explicitly accounting for the spillover effects from individual country measures.

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2021 – 68 pages ISBN 978-92-76-38742-8 doi:10.2765/80561 Catalogue number: KC-BD-21-001-EN-N



Climate change, catastrophes and the macroeconomic benefits of insurance

This article considers the protective role that insurance can play in mitigating the negative macroeconomic and welfare impact of catastrophes, and the interplay between climate change and insurance coverage. The article first develops a theoretical model of insurance, climate change, catastrophes and the macroeconomy as a basis for the analysis. Predictions from this model are then empirically tested to explore how insurance has mitigated the impact of catastrophes in the past. Finally, these results are used to explore the potential future impact of catastrophes using a range of climate-change-related scenarios.

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Taxation Trends in the European Union

Data for the EU Member States, Iceland, Norway and United Kingdom – 2021 edition

This report analyses the possible impact of the pandemic on future public finances. According to the latest forecast (spring 2021), tax revenue in the EU was expected to decrease in 2020, but less than gross domestic product (GDP). Therefore, the tax-to-GDP ratio would have increased in 2020 but fallen significantly in 2021, with further decreases in 2022. In 2019, the taxation structure remained stable in the EU and the distribution of revenues by tax base (consumption, labour and capital) was very similar to that of previous years. Labour taxes, which provide the largest share of revenues, remained unchanged in 2019, at 20.7 % of GDP.

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The State of Local Infrastructure Investment in Europe

EIB municipalities survey 2020

The latest edition of this report delves into the investment needs, gaps and financing constraints of municipalities under the EU pandemic recovery plans. Municipalities account for 45 % of all public investment – which makes them a key partner in recovery efforts, and also in addressing climate change and digitalisation. The report analyses the findings of a survey of 685 municipalities conducted in the summer of 2020 and prioritises areas for further investment.

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Global Solutions, International Partnerships

The European Investment Bank development report 2021

The climate crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic remind us that we cannot face down our challenges alone – our solutions must be global. The European Investment Bank is at the heart of the push to turn EU policy initiatives into real development solutions on the ground. This report provides insights into our vital projects and initiatives outside the European Union, data on their impact and ideas for the future of development through a series of expert essays.

Available in English, French, German, Portuguese, Spanish and Arabic



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(except in Arabic)



The COVID-19 Consumption Game-changer

Evidence from a large-scale multi-country survey

Economic developments depend on the behaviour of consumer spending. A key question is whether private expenditure will recover once social distancing restrictions are lifted or whether the COVID-19 crisis has had a sustained impact on consumer confidence, preferences and, hence, spending. We conducted a consumer survey in five EU Member States in summer 2020, after the release of the first wave's lockdown restrictions, and documented the underlying reasons for households' reduction in consumption in five key sectors: tourism, hospitality, services, retail and public transport. It has shown a significant confidence shock in the southern European countries and a shift in consumer preferences in the northern European countries, particularly among high-income individuals.



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Available in English

The transmission of euro area monetary policy to financially euroised countries

October 2021

This paper provides a comprehensive analysis of the interest rate pass-through of euro-area monetary policy to retail rates outside the euro area, contributing to the literature on the consequences of unofficial financial euroisation and on the transmission channels of monetary policy spillovers. The results suggest that, in the long run, more than one third of all euro retail rates in euroised countries of central, eastern and south-eastern Europe are linked to the euro-area shadow rate. Compared to euro-area monetary policy, the share of cointegration of the domestic monetary policy rate is lower, suggesting that domestic central banks in euroised countries with independent monetary policy can only partially control the 'euro part' of the interest rate channel.

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EU Fiscal Rules

Reform considerations

This paper discusses the EU fiscal framework reform. It reviews the EU's fiscal governance history and reforms, and identifies key challenges. It then takes stock of reform proposals made so far, and finally formulates a reform idea that reconciles the post-pandemic macroeconomic context with existing contributions by leading economists and institutions.

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Risk Assessment of the European Banking System

December 2021

This report describes the main developments of and trends in the EU / European Economic Area banking sector since June 2020 and provides the European Banking Authority's outlook on the main risks and vulnerabilities. As in 2020, the December 2021 risk assessment report is published along with the EU-wide 2021 transparency exercise.

Available in English



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Building an Economy that Works for People

An action plan for the social economy

The term 'social economy' refers to four main types of entities providing goods and services to their members or society at large: cooperatives, mutual benefit societies, associations (including charities) and foundations. Social enterprises are now generally understood as being a part of the social economy.

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The European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan

Delivering on the European Pillar of Social Rights is a shared political commitment and responsibility for the EU institutions, national, regional and local authorities, social partners and civil society. Explore the 20 principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights, which guide us towards a strong social Europe that is fair, inclusive and full of opportunity.

Available in all the official languages of the EU except Irish



2021 – 2 pages ISBN 978-92-76-30671-9 doi:10.2767/620792 Catalogue number: KE-02-21-234-EN-N



Consolidated list of persons, groups and entities subject to EU financial sanctions

Dataset

In its policy, the European Union intervenes when necessary to prevent conflict or in response to emerging or actual crises. In certain cases, EU intervention can take the form of restrictive measures or 'sanctions'. The application of financial sanctions, and more precisely the freezing of assets, constitutes an obligation for both the public and the private sectors. In this regard, a particular responsibility falls on credit and financial institutions, since they are involved in the bulk of financial transfers.



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Energy

Shedding Light on Energy in the EU

A guided tour of energy statistics – 2021 edition

Statistics can help to make the complex process of energy more understandable. Where does our energy come from? How dependent are we on energy imports? What kind of energy do we consume in the EU and how much does it cost? How much greenhouse gas do we emit in the EU? This interactive publication developed by Eurostat provides simple statistical answers to these questions to non-experts who wish to better understand the challenges of the European Green Deal and the energy union strategy. For more experienced users, the whole energy process is presented in a very detailed way in a user-friendly Sankey diagram.



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Sector coupling and the evolution of the gas sector

New tariffication principles for gas infrastructure?

This report investigates sector coupling and the likely evolution of the European energy sector in terms of the optimal tariff methodology for its gas network. First, the publication reviews a range of alternative tariffication models. Second, it identifies the advantages and drawbacks of the current tariffication model, as compared to alternative models. Finally, it assesses whether the expected evolution in the sector is likely to change the relative merits of the current tariff model versus the alternatives, or even justify its replacement.

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CORDIS Results Pack on Ocean Energy

As Europe aims to be carbon-neutral by 2050 and to invest significantly in renewable forms of energy over the coming decades, there's one source of green energy that shows great promise – and it's not even green, more of a blue. The oceans offer enormous potential as a source of clean, green energy, and the technologies to realise this, whilst yet to fully mature, should definitely be on the radar. In this results pack, we introduce you to 10 EU-funded projects that are paving the way for the wider development and deployment of these ocean energy innovations.

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Communities Enjoy Carbon-free Living in Hydrogen Valleys

Creating hubs of hydrogen production, distribution and use can help regions become energy self-sufficient and reduce carbon and greenhouse gas emissions. Three demonstration projects funded by the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen 2 Joint Undertaking are showing how these 'hydrogen valleys' can be replicated and can contribute to economic growth.

Available in English



2021 – 2 pages ISBN 978-92-9246-377-9 doi:10.2843/41636 Catalogue number: EG-09-21-312-EN-N



Recent trends in coal and peat regions in the western Balkans and Ukraine

The purpose of this report is to investigate the future of solid fossil fuels in the western Balkans and Ukraine and the impact of the energy transition on the number of jobs related to these activities. This research covers the use of solid fossil fuels (namely coal, peat and oil shale) in the western Balkans and Ukraine in 2018, at NUTS-2-equivalent level. Evidence shows that there is no registered use of shale oil, and very limited use of peat, only in Ukraine. The analysis then focuses on coal use, covering the mining and related power production sectors, evaluating their corresponding direct and indirect employment. It further evaluates the potential impact on the identified employment due to existing decarbonisation strategies.



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EU Energy in Figures

Statistical pocketbook 2021

The energy sector is one of the pillars of growth, competitiveness and development for modern economies. To keep up with the ongoing transformation of the energy sector in Europe, we need data that are accurate and up to date. This publication provides an overview of the most relevant annual energy-related statistics for the European Union as a whole and for each of its Member States. The data contained in this pocketbook are drawn from several sources: Eurostat and other European Commission services, the European Environment Agency and the International Energy Agency.

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2021 – 268 pages ISBN 978-92-76-37947-8 doi:10.2833/511498 Catalogue number: MJ-AB-21-001-EN-N



Clean Energy for EU Islands

Technology solutions booklet

The clean energy for EU islands initiative launched in 2017 underlines the EU's intent to accelerate the clean energy transition on Europe's more than 2 400 inhabited islands. It aims to reduce the dependency of EU islands on energy imports by making better use of their own renewable energy sources. As a support to the initiative, the clean energy for EU islands secretariat was set up to provide capacity-building and technical advisory services. Between 2018 and 2020, the secretariat acted as a pilot project supporting the EU-wide community of islands in their efforts to transition to sustainable energy and reduce energy consumption. Following the Memorandum of Split in 2020, the second phase of the secretariat was launched at the beginning of 2021 and will run for 2 years.

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EU Energy Markets and Energy Prices

A properly functioning European Union energy market delivers high-quality energy services and products to everyone in the EU. An integrated market with crossborder infrastructure provides a shield against price and supply fluctuations, and a better deal for consumers. It allows Member States to exchange electricity with their neighbours in the most economically and environmentally efficient way.

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Energy Union Indicators Webtool

Dataset

The energy union indicators show the progress made in the five dimensions of the energy union in European countries and in the EU as a whole. They provide a consistent way of tracking the outcomes of energy and climate policies, and demonstrate how the EU is working towards its energy and climate objectives. To access the webtool, visit the page and click on the 'Download' button.







Environment • Ecology

Overview of natural and manmade disaster risks the European Union may face

2020 edition

This Commission staff working document is the second edition of an overview of the natural and human-made disaster risks that the EU may face, prepared under EU legislation on civil protection. It captures the trends in the ever evolving disaster risk landscape, discusses the major drivers shaping it and takes a closer look at 12 selected disaster risks of particular relevance for the EU. In addition to information from national authorities, the overview draws on the latest available evidence from the Commission's cross-sectoral policy, operational and scientific work on disaster risk.

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The Ocean Plastics Reduction Guide

Oceans are under threat from plastics. This guide presents the problem and how it can be addressed. The objective is to raise awareness about the oceans' crucial importance to us and to the planet, and the growing threats posed by plastics discharged into and accumulating in the oceans. The guide outlines the key problems and challenges and how these can be addressed. It also promotes circular solutions to the ocean plastic pollution and intends to inspire impactful action and change.

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European Green Deal

Delivering on our targets

Making Europe the first climate neutral continent in the world: this is the goal that we are set to accomplish. A 55 % reduction in emissions by 2030 will be the first major milestone on this ambitious path. The decade we have entered will be decisive. Read about the milestones on the way to making the EU climate neutral by 2050.

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Water and Beyond

This publication introduces the policy context for water and sanitation, and how action in these areas is essential for achieving globally agreed sustainable development objectives and EU policy priorities. It then considers how water and sanitation can support priorities for EU external action: the European Green Deal; digital, science and technology; sustainable growth and jobs; migration partnerships; governance, peace and security; and human development. In each case, the document sets out opportunities, challenges and examples of operational strategies.

Available in English



water and beyond

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The Journey to Net Zero

12 perspectives from the frontline of the energy transition in Europe

In December 2019, European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen presented the European Green Deal – outlining a clear objective for Europe to become carbon neutral by 2050. Presenting a roadmap of different initiatives across all policy areas, the Green Deal is sometimes seen as the launch of the journey to net zero. The concept goes beyond the fight against climate change. It is the EU's strategy for sustainable jobs and growth. It is about transforming the whole economy so that Europe can be the first continent to reach net zero emissions.

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European Atlas of Forest Species

The *European Atlas of Forest Tree Species* is both a scientific publication, in which researchers and forest specialists can find rigorous and up-to-date information on the many tree species of our forests, and a publication suited for education and the dissemination of information about the richness of our forests to our generation and future generations. Each chapter of the atlas presents, in addition to the description of each tree species, high-quality graphics and photographs showing the climatic preferences and singularities of the different species of trees. The publication includes a dynamic database of information about our trees, their uses and the threats they face, and about the effects that climate change may have on our forests.

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A new strategic vision for sustainable aquaculture production and consumption in the European Union

Blue farming in the European Green Deal

Did you know that more than half of the world's fish and other aquatic food for human consumption comes from aquaculture? In fact, the farming of fish and shellfish (aquaculture) has been the fastest growing food production activity in the world in recent decades. This growth is expected to continue. This publication presents the EU's vision for sustainable aquaculture production and consumption.

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Study on Invasive Alien Species

Development of risk assessments to tackle priority species and enhance prevention – Final report (and annexes)

The aim of the current study is to develop robust risk assessments alongside evidence on management measures and their implementation cost and cost-effectiveness. The study includes 10 revised risk assessments from previous contracts, concerning the following species: *Ameiurus melas* (black bullhead), *Ameiurus nebulosus* (brown bullhead), *Boccardia proboscidea* (a spionid worm), *Channa argus* (northern snakehead), *Gambusia affinis* (western mosquitofish), *Gambusia holbrooki* (eastern mosquitofish), *Lagocephalus sceleratus* (silvercheeked toadfish), *Phytolacca americana* (American pokeweed), *Schizoporella japonica* (a bryozoan species) and *Wasmannia auropunctata* (little fire ant).

Available in English



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Smart Specialisation, Sustainable Development Goals and Environmental Commons

Conceptual framework in the context of EU policy

This report contributes to a new transformative narrative aligning smart specialisation with the UN 2030 agenda and the European Green Deal by offering directionality towards the sustainable development goals and combining different levels of policy to achieve the required sustainability transformations. The report highlights the role of policy coherence in harnessing synergies and alleviating trade-offs across different objectives with a focus on environmental issues. Both EU Member States and non-EU countries present lessons learnt on the different topics linked to smart specialisation, sustainability and environmental commons. The report concludes with a discussion on how to orient existing smart specialisation approaches towards sustainability challenges and the achievement of the sustainable development goals.



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Research*eu No 107

Squaring the Arctic Circle: Protecting and preserving earth's Far North

Every month, the *Research*eu* magazine brings you the results of EU-funded research and innovation. Among other subjects in this edition, the special feature presents seven EU-funded projects that focus on the Arctic, its climate, its flora and fauna, and its people.

(Individual article also available in English, French, German, Italian, Polish and Spanish at cordis.europa.eu/ article/id/435349-squaring-the-arctic-circle-protectingpreserving-earth-s-far-north)

Available in English



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Biodiversity

Deforestation-free products on the EU market

Consumption of beef, palm oil, soya beans, wood, cocoa and coffee in the European Union drives deforestation and forest degradation across the world. The European Union aims to stop this by no longer allowing deforestationrelated commodities and products on the market. Find out more in this factsheet.

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Guiding the application of an ecosystem-based approach in maritime spatial planning

This publication describes what an ecosystem-based approach (EBA) requires or entails when developing and implementing maritime spatial plans. EBA emerged as a concept at the end of the 1990s, in particular with the adoption of the Malawi Principles under the Convention on Biological Diversity. EBA provides a series of key principles that ensure ecosystems and their multiple connections with human activities are given due consideration in the implementation of strategies and policies, in particular in integrated marine and maritime policy.

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The Future of Jobs is Green

The European Green Deal will trigger a deep transformation of the way we live, work and produce – the 'green transition'. This will require substantial investments in greening the economy, which could also lead to job growth if supported by the right policy mix. The policy mix could include reliable long-term political targets for a green transition, financial incentives and support for greening of industry, investment in ecosystem restoration, incentives and awareness raising for greener consumption, funding programmes to create jobs, skills training and more.

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External relations

EU Foreign Policy in Action

10 years of EU diplomacy around the world

This publication is the outcome of a call for photos launched by the European External Action Service strategic communications team to all EU delegations, missions and operations on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the service. It zooms in on the diversity of work accomplished by 144 EU diplomatic representations and 17 missions and operations, and shows how EU foreign policy is put into action around the world.

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EU FOREIGN POLICY IN ACTION



The Future of Conflict Prevention

Preparing for a hotter, increasingly digital and fragmented 2030

Looking ahead to the horizon of 2030, this *Chaillot Paper* analyses the need for a conflict prevention approach in the face of three megatrends that will have far-reaching global repercussions. The three trends – climate change, digitalisation and the fragmentation of authority – will not only have manifold environmental, social and political implications, but may also have a considerable impact on peace and conflict dynamics. The volume explores how each megatrend is likely to influence conflict escalatory processes in the coming decade. It also examines how investments in conflict prevention mechanisms can strengthen societal resilience and help the international community to better manage a hotter, increasingly digitalised and fragmented world. THE FUTURE OF CONFLICT Prevent for hotter, increasingly digital and fragmented 2030

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The Rome Declaration

Global Health Summit - Rome, 21 May 2021

This publication presents the Rome Declaration issued by the leaders of G20 and other states in the presence of the heads of international and regional organisations, meeting at the Global Health Summit in Rome on 21 May 2021. The text of the declaration is followed by the 16 principles on which it is based.

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Fog in Channel?

The impact of Brexit on EU and UK foreign affairs

Brexit brings significant challenges for the EU and the United Kingdom alike in a host of foreign, security and defence areas. Both the EU and the United Kingdom now need to reconfigure their individual, regional and global ambitions based on their reputation, responsibility, resources and relevance. This publication analyses the impact of Brexit on EU and UK foreign affairs.

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Risk Analysis for 2021

The European Border and Coast Guard Agency *Risk Analysis for 2021* reports on all aspects relevant for European integrated border management. Restrictions on movements, border closures and other far-reaching COVID-19 countermeasures impacted all categories of cross-border movement, be they tourism, business travel or irregular migration. One threat (that to public health) shaped all other threats. Border management in the service of mitigating this threat in turn profoundly impacted migration management and return. Developments and threats to the security of the EU's external border and the Schengen area are analysed in this report.

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Fire and Ice

The Russian-Turkish partnership

Relations between Russia and Turkey are a curious mix of fierce competition and close cooperation: their 'cooperative rivalry' is an open challenge to the EU, given the two powers' embrace of authoritarianism, expansionary ambitions and preference for unilateralism over multilateralism. This *Chaillot Paper* explores the factors that cement Russian–Turkish ties, despite clashing interests and increasingly contentious regional agendas, and examines the future prospects of the Russo–Turkish rapprochement. It further explores how the EU should address the challenges posed by the Russian–Turkish partnership.

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Global Europe

The Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument

The European Union, with its Member States, is the world's biggest donor of development assistance and among the first global trading partners and foreign investors. A strong budget provides the EU with the necessary tools to implement its priorities globally. Through the new Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe, the new long-term budget will bring a significant modernisation of the external dimension of the EU budget. It will increase the effectiveness and visibility of the EU's external policies and give the EU the necessary flexibility to provide a faster response to new crises and challenges. This includes helping our partners to cope with the health and socioeconomic impact of COVID-19.



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The Book of Dreams

This storybook takes us on a journey through the past and the present, towards hope and a better future for a generation of Syrian children and young people that have seen their dreams interrupted, at best, by more than 8 years of conflict.

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Industry • Enterprise • Services

Advanced Technologies for Industry

International reports – Advanced technology landscape and related policies in China

The objective of the international country reports is to explore the technology and policy landscape of selected non-EU countries. Country performance in advanced technologies is presented based on patent, trade and investment data. This particular report is an update and extension of the report on China published in 2020. It zooms into two technology ecosystems, notably artificial intelligence / big data and advanced manufacturing / robotics, where China has been developing particularly fast. The analysis relies on data collected within the advanced technologies for industry project, complemented by expert opinion.



Advanced Technologies for Industry – international reports Advanced technology landscape and related policies in china

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One-stop shops for residential building energy renovation in the EU

Analysis & policy recommendations

This report is the second part of a Europe-wide survey and assessment of one-stop shops (OSSs) for the energy renovation of buildings. Based on the case studies of 63 OSSs in the EU, we find that the approach has the potential to cover 5-6 % of the renovation volume of 35 million buildings in 2030 set out by the renovation wave strategy at low social cost, integrating private investments with client-friendly methods. The current level of activity of the European OSS market is estimated to be around 100 000 projects per year.

Available in English



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European Innovation Scoreboard 2021

The 2021 scoreboard was released after the Commission's update of the EU industrial strategy of 5 May 2021. The update takes full account of the new circumstances following the COVID-19 crisis to drive Europe's industrial transformation to a more sustainable, digital, resilient and globally competitive economy. It proposes new measures to strengthen the resilience of our single market and explores our dependencies in key strategic areas. The updated industrial strategy also stresses that tailored support to enable small and medium-sized enterprises and start-ups to embrace the twin transitions is essential, given that such enterprises are a primary vehicle of innovation in the various industrial ecosystems.

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EU Principles for Sustainable Raw Materials

The objective of the *EU Principles for Sustainable Raw Materials* is to align the understanding of sustainable raw materials extraction (from exploration to post-closure) and processing operations in the EU amongst Member States and define the general direction towards the UN's sustainable development goals.

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The state of digital transformation at regional level and COVID-19 induced changes to economy and business models, and their consequences for regions

The COVID-19 pandemic has raised awareness about the importance of digital connectivity, technologies, services and solutions. The public health crisis that began in January 2020 made the digital transformation movement a more universal one. This study focuses on understanding the state of digitalisation of small and medium-sized enterprises in European regions and the level of territories' readiness in supporting their digital transformation. The overall scope of the study is to highlight which policy actions regional authorities should prioritise in order to successfully support and accelerate the digital transformation of business.



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Advanced Technologies for Industry

Final report – Report on technology trends and technology adoption

This report presents the main findings of the data analysis carried out within the framework of the advanced technologies for industry project. The study carried out a systematic monitoring of technological trends in advanced technologies to effectively support the implementation of policies and initiatives within the EU's industrial policy approach. Advanced technologies include: advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence, augmented and virtual reality, big data, blockchain, cloud technologies, connectivity, industrial biotechnology, the internet of things, micro- and nanoelectronics, IT for mobility, nanotechnology, photonics, robotics and cybersecurity (IT for security). The report provides policy recommendations stemming from the analysis of key trends and figures relating to advanced technologies.



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Law and justice

Flash Eurobarometer 489

Perceived independence of the national justice systems in the EU among the general public – Report

This *Flash Eurobarometer* survey explores EU citizens' perceptions about the independence of the judiciary across the 27 EU Member States. The results feed into the EU Justice Scoreboard, which provides data on the efficiency, quality and independence of national justice systems – an essential parameter of effective justice systems. Effective justice systems are crucial for implementing EU law and for upholding the rule of law and the values upon which the EU is founded. Effective justice systems are also essential for mutual trust, the investment climate and the sustainability of long-term growth. This survey explores EU citizens' perceptions of the independence of courts and judges in their country and the reasons for these perceptions, both positive and negative.



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Disinformation campaigns about LGBTI+ people in the EU and foreign influence

This briefing gives a concise overview of disinformation, misinformation and propaganda campaigns about LGBTI+ persons and rights, originating from or being supported and/or multiplied by parties outside the EU. It examines the main narratives used, supported and circulated, and which individuals or organisations are involved. The main narratives identified include negative othering, opposing a 'gender ideology', 'heteroactivism', restoring a 'natural' order, 'colonialism' and child safety.

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Ending International Protection

Compilation of jurisprudence – Second edition

This compilation of jurisprudence is designed to be a resource for judicial analysis and to provide courts and tribunals in Member States with a helpful aid when hearing appeals or conducting reviews of decisions on applications concerning ending international protection. The cases summarised in this compilation are confined to those which have been named within the main body of text of the judicial analysis. Included in this compilation is jurisprudence from: European courts, that is, the Court of Justice of the European Union and the European Court of Human Rights; national courts and tribunals of the Member States of the European Union; and national courts and tribunals of other states.

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The 2021 EU Justice Scoreboard

The EU Justice Scoreboard presents an annual overview of indicators on the efficiency, quality and independence of justice systems. Its purpose is to help EU Member States improve the effectiveness of their national justice systems by providing objective, reliable and comparable data. The 2021 edition brings new indicators on the digitalisation of justice systems, the independence of national supreme court judges and more.

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Femicide, its Causes and Recent Trends

What do we know?

Femicide is a violation of the basic human rights to life, liberty and personal security, and an obstacle to social and economic development. The term indicates the act of intentionally killing a female person, either a woman or a girl, because of her gender, and it is the end result of combined risk factors existing at the level of the individual, interpersonal relations, community and society. This publication examines the phenomenon and concludes with recommendations.

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Eurojust Guidelines on how to Prosecute Investment Fraud

Investment fraud investigations are usually characterised by their extensive scope, the huge number of victims, offences causing particularly significant damage, supraregional and international connections, and the complexity of the facts. The organised crime groups involved in these cases are highly professional criminals. Dealing with investment fraud requires thorough cross-border coordination between affected European Union Member States and non-EU countries. In these guidelines, the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation provides an overview of the legal and operational issues that prosecutors may come across and explains how that agency and the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation can help to bring investment fraud prosecutions to a successful conclusion.



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Supporting judicial authorities in the fight against trafficking in human beings

Trafficking in human beings (THB) is a serious and fast-growing crime area. Traffickers predominantly capitalise on sexual and labour exploitation, often targeting individuals with limited education or financial means. The European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation is a unique facility that enables prosecutors, investigative judges and other judicial practitioners in the EU Member States to work together to tackle serious cross-border crime, including THB. The types of assistance the agency can provide include: gathering evidence and sharing information, joint investigation teams, the swift execution of judicial cooperation tools, identification, localisation, the protection and welfare of victims, coordination with non-EU countries and the sharing of expertise on THB.

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Migration

Protecting migrants in an irregular situation from labour exploitation

Role of the employers sanctions directive

The employers sanctions directive was primarily enacted to dissuade employers from recruiting migrants in an irregular situation, but it also contains provisions to protect workers. It facilitates access to justice for exploited workers and sets out workers' rights to claim back payment of outstanding wages. The directive also contains provisions to enhance the effectiveness of labour inspections. This report describes how the 25 Member States bound by the directive have been implementing its protective provisions, focusing on the impact these provisions have on migrant workers in an irregular situation who are victims of exploitation and other labour law violations.



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The EU Approach on Migration in the Mediterranean

This study examines the EU approach on migration in the Mediterranean, covering developments from the 2015 refugee crisis up to the COVID-19 pandemic, assessing the effect these events have had on the design, implementation and reform of EU policy on asylum, migration and external border control, and documenting the ramifications these changes have had. The study includes a review of the state of play of relevant EU asylum and migration legislation and its implementation, an appraisal of the situation in the Mediterranean and a thorough examination of the external dimension of the EU migration, asylum and border policies, focusing on cooperation with non-EU countries (Libya, Niger and Turkey).

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EASO practical guides and tools in support of asylum processes and reception systems

The European Union Agency for Asylum supports the EU Member States and associated countries in the continuous improvement of the quality, fairness and efficiency of their asylum procedures and reception systems with the ultimate goal of achieving convergence in the implementation of the common European asylum system. The agency develops practical tools and guidance to increase the knowledge and technical skills of asylum practitioners in the field of international protection. The practical tools and guides cover asylum processes, exclusion, reception, vulnerability, Dublin units, courts and tribunals. The tools are the outcome of exchanges among Member State experts, with input from the European Commission, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and other relevant organisations.

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Territorial impact of migration on frontline regions and cities on the EU shores of the Mediterranean

The aim of the present study is threefold. First, it provides information on the recent (2020–2021) impact of migration flows via Mediterranean routes on the EU front-line regions and cities. Second, it takes a closer look at the local integration strategies developed in these front-line regions and cities which have been transforming the potential of migratory flows into social and economic gains benefiting both the host community and non-EU country nationals. To this end, five case studies are presented as part of the study: Barcelona (Spain), Thessaloniki (Greece), Milan (Italy), Nicosia District (Cyprus) and the South Eastern Region of Malta. Finally, the study serves as a source of information for the European Committee of the Regions Annual Regional and Local Barometer.



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Scientific and technical research

Horizon Europe funding opportunities 2021–2022 for earth & environmental observation

This factsheet aims to guide the environmental and earth observation community, including the global Group on Earth Observations, through the first Horizon Europe work programme (2021–2022). It covers different topics directly or indirectly related to environmental and earth observation and offers an overview of the different funding opportunities available. The topics relating to environmental and earth observation cover a broad array of domains. Some of them relate to applications in specific fields, like biodiversity or health, while others focus on interoperability issues or citizen science and engagement. Horizon Europe (2021–2027) has a budget of EUR 95.5 billion. The first work programme (2021–2022) opens with a budget of EUR 14.7 billion.

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Advanced Non-animal Models in Biomedical Research

Immuno-oncology – Executive summary

Immuno-oncology is the study of the immunological mechanisms behind cancer initiation and development with the aim of developing treatments (immunotherapy) that use the body's immune system to fight cancer. The significant progress made in the field of immuno-oncology has clearly demonstrated the feasibility of manipulating immune cells to selectively target cancerous cells and tumours. This approach often achieves better clinical outcomes and improved quality of life in comparison to conventional therapies.

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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH

Research*eu No 105

From Socrates to modern science: New perspectives in European philosophy

Every month, the *Research*eu* magazine brings you the results of EU-funded research and innovation. This issue's special feature focuses on European philosophy, which continues to exert an immense influence on the way modern societies function.

(Individual article also available in English, French, German, Italian, Polish and Spanish at cordis.europa.eu/ article/id/430527-from-socrates-to-modern-science-newperspectives-european-philosophy)

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Testing the feasibility of a new industry–academia knowledge exchange concept focusing on companies' needs

Final report

This feasibility study discusses the adaptability of an explorative co-creation method in an industry–academia knowledge exchange context. This study is based on the empirical evidence of the co-creation experience of five European companies and cross-border student teams. It clearly shows that the co-creation experience is relevant and adds value for all parties. In addition, it creates innovation sparks and ideas that act as inputs to the next stages of the innovation process. This study emphasises the importance of a connected and cross-border approach with a neutral intermediary. The study's implication is that industry, academia and policymakers should emphasise the power of explorative methods in the fields of innovation development and knowledge exchange.



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Research*eu No 106

Innovative EU research targets breast cancer

Every month, the *Research*eu* magazine brings you the results of EU-funded research and innovation. Among other topics, this issue's special feature focuses on innovative EU research targeting breast cancer. Through its continued support for research in this area, the EU aims to prevent cancer where possible, and offer earlier diagnosis, better treatment and a higher quality of life where it is not. In doing so, it hopes to save more than 3 million lives by 2030. Even if it's not a cure for cancer, it's something to be proud of.

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The 2020 EU survey on industrial R&D investment trends

Expectations for R & D investments for the 2020 financial year vary considerably. From the coronavirus survey, companies expect R & D to increase by 0.6 % in 2020. In the R & D Survey, with a different set of respondents, this figure falls to a decrease of -0.7 %, although this change is heavily influenced by the largest amongst the respondents specific to the R & D survey only (with more than 50 000 employees) that are the most negative and expect to decrease their R & D investments by 2.8 %.

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Social policy • Employment • Public health

Teleworking during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Risks and prevention strategies: Literature review

This article sets out the main issues relating to the definition of telework, before looking at the main drivers of telework and examining its incidence around the EU. It then gives an overview of health and safety issues in the workplace, before examining those that are specifically related to teleworking. It also looks at some examples of agreements regulating occupational safety and health and telework in companies around the EU. Finally, it sets out a number of conclusions in relation to what works in promoting and protecting occupational safety and health for teleworkers, the principal remaining challenges and the post-pandemic future.

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Employment and Social Developments in Europe 2021

Towards a strong social Europe in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis: Reducing disparities and addressing distributional impacts – Annual review

This publication presents the new and strengthened strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities during 2021–2030, which aims at achieving further progress in ensuring the full participation of persons with disabilities. The strategy will guide the action of Member States, as well as EU institutions, building on the achievements of the previous 10 years and offering solutions to the challenges ahead.

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Flash Eurobarometer 494

Attitudes on vaccination against COVID-19 – Report

In June 2020, the European Commission presented the EU vaccines strategy to accelerate the development, manufacturing and deployment of vaccines against COVID-19. The objectives of the EU vaccines strategy are ensuring the quality, safety and efficacy of vaccines and securing timely access to vaccines for the EU Member States and their population. This *Flash Eurobarometer* survey collects input from citizens in the EU regarding their attitudes on vaccination against COVID-19.

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Women and Men in Decisionmaking

Methodology

The Gender Statistics Database of the European Institute for Gender Equality contains a wide range of statistics from all over the EU and beyond. In January 2017, the institute took over the database on women and men in decisionmaking, which was previously managed by the European Commission. This database provides reliable statistics that can be used to draw comparisons between EU Member States. Statistics on women and men in decision-making provide a key element to assess the implementation of Area G of the Beijing Platform for Action, 'Women in Power and Decision-making,' a commitment from the Council of the European Union.

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Poverty and Mindsets

How poverty and exclusion over generations affect aspirations, hope and decisions, and how to address it

This report looks at how being immersed in poverty and social exclusion for a prolonged period may affect how people consider themselves and their future, and how they act in relation to it. It focuses on a less-studied obstacle – that is, how poverty and exclusion affect behaviour, aspirations, hope and agency, which can all be essential drivers of social mobility. Evidence suggests that the experience of poverty contributes to the transmission of poverty to the next generation. The report gathers and summarises findings from behavioural studies, neuroscience, and sociological and economic studies.

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Study on Youth Work in the EU

Final report

This study constitutes the second EU-wide comparison on youth work published by the European Commission. The first European Commission study on youth work, published in 2014, was an exploratory investigation of youth work at the EU level, seeking to identify commonalities and to map the state of youth work policies across the EU. This second report goes further and focuses on the needs of youth workers at the grassroots level to critically analyse whether existing public policies fulfil these needs. This is a timely report: the COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the youth work sector. It has forced youth workers to rethink how they provide their services, and placed many in a precarious position, particularly at the local level and for youth workers who support the most vulnerable young people.

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Loneliness in the EU

Insights from surveys and online media data

Loneliness and social isolation can have harmful repercussions on mental and physical health, and are therefore increasingly recognised as critical public health issues. The COVID-19 pandemic has also dramatically reshaped the lives and social practices of people in the EU. Mobility restrictions and social distancing measures adopted to contain the spread of the virus have prompted public discussions about the unintended side effects of such arrangements, particularly in the form of loneliness and social isolation. Some fear that the toll of loneliness could have consequences long after the virus recedes. This report offers an overview of the current state of knowledge on loneliness and social isolation in the EU.

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2021 Report on Gender Equality in the EU

On 5 March 2020, the Commission adopted its 2020–2025 gender equality strategy. The strategy was the first deliverable of President von der Leyen's commitment to a union of equality. It sets out an ambitious framework for the next 5 years, formally endorsed by the Commission, on how to advance gender equality in the EU and beyond. The strategy is based on a vision for a Europe where women and men, girls and boys, in all their diversity, are free from violence and stereotypes and have the opportunity to thrive and to lead. This is the first report under the new strategy. It takes stock of where the EU and its Member States stand on gender equality 1 year after the adoption of the strategy.

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Prison and Drugs in Europe

Current and future challenges

This Insights report provides a comprehensive overview of the current knowledge and latest developments in the field of drug use and prison in the 30 countries reporting to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction up to the end of 2020: the 27 EU Member States, Norway, Turkey and the United Kingdom. It also identifies important gaps in our knowledge, challenges for better provision of interventions and implications for policy and practice. The report provides an overview of the current situation in the following areas: drug use and drug-related problems among the prison population; the availability of drug-related services in prison; the evidence available for effective interventions in the prison setting; drug supply and supply reduction interventions; and future challenges relating to prison and drugs.



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Encouraging Hate Crime Reporting

The role of law enforcement and other authorities

This publication examines why victims do not report biasmotivated incidents and the barriers that they face when reporting incidents through national crime reporting systems. By mapping existing practices that have a bearing on the victim's experiences when reporting bias-motivated violence and harassment, it aims to provide evidence to support national efforts to encourage and facilitate reporting – and ultimately assist Member States in delivering on their duties with regard to combating hate crime.

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Children and Mental Health

Preventive approaches to anxiety and depression: European Platform for Investing in Children

The World Health Organization estimates that about 25 % of the world's population experiences a mental health problem at some point in their life. In about half of the cases, development of symptoms starts before a child's 14th birthday. It is therefore important to develop evidence-based interventions that can help address mental health issues in children. The objective of this research note is to summarise the findings presented by existing systematic reviews and meta-analyses of interventions aimed at preventing the development of anxiety and/or depression in children.

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Disinformation Affecting the EU

Tackled but not tamed – Special report 09/2021

Disinformation is a serious concern in organised societies. Social media and new technologies have increased the scale and speed with which false or misleading information can reach its audiences, whether intended and unintended. This special report by the European Court of Auditors concludes that, although the EU action plan against disinformation is broadly on track and there is evidence of positive developments, it has not delivered all its intended results. The report includes recommendations to improve the coordination and accountability of EU actions against disinformation.

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The Coronavirus Pandemic and Fundamental Rights

A year in review

As the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the globe, authorities across the European Union adopted restrictive measures to protect people's lives and health. These interfered with a wide range of fundamental rights, such as to movement and assembly; to private and family life, including personal data protection; and to education, work and social security. The pandemic and the reactions it triggered exacerbated existing challenges and inequalities in all areas of life, especially affecting vulnerable groups. It also sparked an increase in racist incidents. This focus looks at COVID-19's impact on fundamental rights.

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Right to Disconnect

Exploring company practices

Digital technologies have made it possible for many workers to carry out their work at any time and anywhere, with consequent advantages and disadvantages. Data show that teleworkers are twice as likely to exceed the 48-hour working time limit, take insufficient rest and work in their free time, with knock-on effects on their physical and mental health. To address this issue, there have been calls for the 'right to disconnect'. This report is based on case studies that chart the implementation and impact of the right to disconnect at workplace level.

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EU Drugs Strategy 2021–2025

The 2021–2025 EU drugs strategy provides the overarching political framework and priorities for the European Union's drugs policy for 2021–2025. The framework, aim and objectives of this strategy will serve as the basis for the EU action plan on drugs from 2021 to 2025.

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PDF

Study to support the evaluation of the EU strategic framework on health and safety at work 2014–2020

Final report

The 2014–2020 EU strategic framework on health and safety at work aims to ensure that the EU will continue to play a leading role in promoting high standards for working conditions. The framework identified the following major challenges: improving the implementation of existing health and safety rules, in particular by enhancing the capacity of micro and small enterprises to put in place effective and efficient risk prevention strategies; improving the prevention of work-related diseases by tackling new and emerging risks without neglecting existing risks; and taking into account the ageing of the EU's workforce.

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SOCIAL POLICY • EMPLOYMENT • PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19, a turning point for upward convergence in health and healthcare in the EU?

Promoting social cohesion and convergence

The impact of COVID-19 has moved public health up the EU social policy agenda. As the EU directs its efforts towards establishing a European health union to guard against future health crises, this policy brief examines the extent to which the EU achieved upward convergence in terms of health and healthcare outcomes, along with health expenditure and delivery, prior to the pandemic. It also examines convergence patterns in infections and deaths from COVID-19 and in the mitigating measures adopted by the EU and national governments.

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Digitisation in the Workplace

Anticipating and managing the impact of change

Research into the transformative potential of the digital revolution tends to take a quantitative approach in an attempt to monitor changes in employment levels due to digitalisation. The fear of potential job losses and negative disruption brought about by digital technologies has permeated the policy debate on digitalisation. In contrast, this report, based on case study research, takes a more qualitative approach to exploring the impact of selected digital technologies (internet of things, 3D printing, and virtual and augmented reality) in the workplace.

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She Figures 2021

Policy briefs

She Figures 2021 is accompanied by seven policy briefs on emerging and ongoing policy priorities in the area of gender equality in research and innovation to further contextualise data trends observed in the main study. The policy briefs cover topics related to women's presence, participation and progression in science; institutional culture and institutional change; gender imbalance in Europe's research leadership; the gender dimension in research and innovation content and training; a holistic view of science, technology, engineering and mathematics education at undergraduate level; promoting a gender perspective in innovation; and intersectionality.

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Antisemitism

Overview of antisemitic incidents recorded in the European Union 2010–2020: Annual update

Antisemitic incidents and hate crimes violate fundamental rights, especially the right to human dignity, the right to equality of treatment and the freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This report provides an overview of available data on antisemitism as recorded by official and unofficial sources in the EU Member States and in Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia. This edition of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights' report provides an update on the most recent figures on antisemitic incidents, covering the period from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2020, where data are available.

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What just happened? COVID-19 lockdowns and change in the labour market

Employment and labour markets

The COVID-19 pandemic closed or limited many economic activities in 2020, with far-reaching impacts on the labour market. Employment losses at the outset of the pandemic were sharper than those experienced during the global financial crisis. This report describes the employment and working time developments by sector and occupation through the first year of the crisis. It explores which categories of workers were most affected – primarily temporary workers, the young and low-paid women. It also assesses the extent to which remote working served as a buffer during the crisis, preserving jobs that might otherwise have been lost.



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European Solidarity in Public Health Emergencies

Opinion of the Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Public Health (EXPH)

This publication explores the concept of solidarity in public health emergencies. Focusing on how the principle of solidarity is enshrined in EU law, it examines implemented and proposed actions of solidarity towards both EU Member States and countries outside the EU. The objective is to help strengthen cross-border collaboration and improve preparedness by learning lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, identifying limitations to EU-level action and determining avenues to overcome them.

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EU health data centre and a common data strategy for public health

The lack of a clear EU health data architecture and the absence of an EU-level centre for data analysis and use to support a better response to public health crises is the focus of this study. Through extensive desk review, interviews with those involved and enquiry into experiences from outside the EU, the study highlights that the EU must obtain the capacity to use data very effectively in order to make data-supported public health policy proposals and inform political decisions.

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Catch Me (if You Can)

Assessing the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission via euro cash

Fears were stoked by statements in the media and from public authorities that the SARS-CoV-2 virus might be transmitted via cash. This publication aims to evaluate if indeed there is such a potential transmission risk. In addition, it examines the change in the circulation of euro banknotes and the use of cash in transactions during the pandemic.

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Gender Equality Index 2021

Health

The Gender Equality Index is a key benchmark for gender equality in the EU. Health, the thematic focus of this report, explores three dimensions – health status (including mental health), health behaviours and access to health services.

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The differing EU Member States' regulations on prostitution and their cross-border implications on women's rights

Executive summary

This is the executive summary of a study assessing prostitution regulations in EU Member States and the current situation regarding sex trafficking. The study also identifies cross-border problems and risks and suggests future EU legislation to mitigate them. The objective is to prevent women from being trafficked while also protecting fundamental rights and gender equality.

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EU Digital Covid Certificate

In this data story, we look back on the developments that led to the establishment of the Digital Covid Certificate, and on how the sharing of minimal data allowed us to regain freedom of movement.





Impact of COVID-19 on young people in the EU

Quality of life

Following a long recovery from the economic crisis (2007–2013), young people in the EU proved to be more vulnerable to the effects of the restrictions put in place to slow the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. They were also more likely to experience job loss, financial insecurity and mental health problems. They reported reduced life satisfaction and mental well-being associated with the stay-at-home requirements and school closures. This report explores the effects of the pandemic on young people, particularly in terms of their employment, well-being and trust in institutions, and assesses the various policy measures introduced to alleviate these effects.

Available in English



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Human Rights Cities in the EU

A framework for reinforcing rights locally – Report

This report proposes a framework for becoming, and functioning as, a 'human rights city' in the EU. It includes 'foundations', 'structures' and 'tools' for mayors, local administrations and grassroots organisations to reinforce fundamental rights locally. It is based on existing good practice and expert input by representatives of human rights cities in the EU, academic experts, international organisations and city networks. The proposed framework aims to encourage more cities in the EU to become human rights cities, and to help develop a local culture of rights. It also aims to facilitate links between human rights cities and EU instruments, including policies, strategies and funding. Finally, it aims to stimulate a discussion in the EU on a future accreditation process for human rights cities.



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Directive (EU) 2017/541 on Combating Terrorism

Impact on fundamental rights and freedoms – Report

This report examines the EU's main criminal law instrument in the field of counterterrorism, Directive (EU) 2017/541 on combating terrorism. Specifically, it considers how the directive engages issues of fundamental rights, affecting individuals, groups and society as a whole. The focus rests on three specific offences covered by the directive, all of them preparatory in nature: public provocation to commit a terrorist offence, travelling for the purpose of terrorism and receiving training for terrorism. The report is based on fieldwork in Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, France, Hungary and Sweden, and on evidence collected through desk research on the relevant legal and institutional framework. It provides valuable insights on the impact of counterterrorism measures on human rights.

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Social dialogue as a tool to promote health and safety at work

The pandemic has given additional urgency to addressing the new challenges for health and safety at work. The EU's social dialogue has delivered tangible improvements to the working conditions of millions of workers in the EU – both at crossindustry level (regarding preventing and managing workrelated stress, workplace violence and harassment at work) and at sectoral level (musculoskeletal disorders in agriculture, health protection in hairdressing salons, crystalline silica in the chemicals sector and mining, prevention of sharps injuries in hospitals and so on). However, the COVID-19 crisis has proved a big challenge for social dialogue.

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Statistics

Key Figures on Europe

2021 edition

This fourth edition of *Key Figures on Europe* aims to provide intuitive visualisations, innovative data presentations and concise text, so that users can rapidly obtain an understanding of differences between EU Member States. The publication contains a selection of key indicators for the EU and its individual Member States, drawing from the rich collection of data available at Eurostat. It provides an insight into the current situation and recent developments across the EU with regard to people and society, the economy and business, and the environment and natural resources. It is the first edition showing data on the impact of the COVID-19 crisis during 2020.

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Sustainable Development in the European Union

Monitoring report on progress towards the SDGs in an EU context – 2021 edition

The 2030 agenda for sustainable development and its 17 sustainable development goals (SDGs), adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015, have given a new impetus to global efforts to achieve sustainable development. This publication is the fifth of Eurostat's regular reports monitoring progress towards the SDGs in an EU context. The analysis in this publication builds on the EU SDG indicator set, developed in cooperation with a large number of stakeholders. This 2021 edition also shows some of the early impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic that are visible in Eurostat's official statistics.



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Eurostat Regional Yearbook

2021 edition

The *Eurostat Regional Yearbook* provides statistics on people, the economy and the environment for regions across the EU. National figures alone cannot reveal the full and sometimes complex picture of what is happening within the Member States. While all regions in the EU have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been marked differences in regional outcomes reflecting, among other factors, the prevalence and circulation of the virus, the age structure of populations, the availability of healthcare staff and specialist equipment, economic structures and specialisations, digital infrastructures, differences in environmental conditions and different strategies implemented by national, regional or local authorities.

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Key

Publications of the European Union – Spring 2022

Technology

Assessment of EU Telecom Security Legislation

In 2020, the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity carried out an assessment of the implementation of EU telecom security policy across the EU to provide policymakers with input on a number of recent policy changes and reviews. This report contains the main results of this assessment. It includes security provisions of the EU legislative framework for electronic communications, the new security provisions and other relevant EU policies. The target audience of this report includes policymakers at the EU and national levels and telecom security and policy/legislation experts.

Available in English



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Artificial Intelligence at EU Borders

Overview of applications and key issues

The EU is actively exploring how artificial intelligence technologies can be developed and adopted in order to improve border control and security. A number of applications for biometric identification, emotion detection, risk assessment and migration monitoring have already been deployed or tested at EU borders. Artificial intelligence technologies may bring important benefits for border control and security, such as increased efficiency, better fraud detection and risk analysis. However, these powerful technologies also pose significant challenges, relating in particular to their insufficient or varying accuracy and the multiple fundamental rights risks they entail (including bias and discrimination risks, data protection and privacy risks and the risk of unlawful profiling).

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Heroes and Scapegoats

Right-wing extremism in digital environments

This report is a study on different aspects of digital violent right-wing extremist content, i.e. textual or visual messages that express acceptance, condoning, justification or acclamation of violence for the sake of a radical nationalistic ideal. Radical nationalism can be categorised into racial nationalism (white supremacy or racism), cultural nationalism (e.g. arguing for homogeneity of language and culture within the Western nation states), or ethnic nationalism (e.g. arguing that people with different ethnic origins should not mix). The different strains of violent right-wing extremism include identitarianism, counter-jihad, national socialism, white supremacy and eco-fascism. Emerging tactic strains include accelerationism, siege culture and hive terrorism.



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PDF

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Cybersecurity for SMEs

Challenges and recommendations

The EU is the world's largest single market area and the largest economy in the world. Small and medium-sized enterprises form its backbone as they represent 99 % of all businesses in the EU and employ around 100 million people. Evolutions over the last several decades, and particularly the COVID-19 crisis, made the use of the internet and computers critical for them to maintain their business. This report provides cybersecurity advice, but also proposals for actions that Member States should consider in order to support such enterprises in improving their cybersecurity status.

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Artificial Intelligence and Urban Development

Research for REGI Committee

This research paper explores the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in urban areas, and its impact on socioeconomic and territorial cohesion. It argues that expectations surrounding AI are high, especially in the context of smart-city initiatives, but that the actual benefits are yet to be fully assessed. To avoid potential risks, local and urban authorities need to fulfil a series of conditions that are inherently challenging. The EU's AI policy and its cohesion policy, in particular, may help, but they need to address the territorial dimension of AI more explicitly.

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Six Years of Connecting Europe

A report on Europe's digital building blocks

This report looks at each of the Connecting Europe Facility's building blocks in turn, showing notable examples of projects or organisations reusing each one and explaining why this was so beneficial to the projects concerned. Statistics show how many projects are reusing building blocks and where and in what sectors they are being used. This will give you an insight into where, how and why the building blocks are such innovative enablers of digital transformation. You will also learn how the facility's project management within the European Commission undertook the orchestration of this large-scale and transformative programme.

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A Path to the Digital Decade

Common governance and coordinated investment for the EU's digital transformation by 2030

On the road towards digital transformation, common data infrastructure and services is one of the critical areas where investment will be facilitated by multi-country projects. These are large-scale projects designed to pool EU, national and private resources. Find out more in this factsheet that presents a simplified roadmap of the digital decade.

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Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and the Future of Europe

How disruptive technologies create opportunities for a green and digital economy – Main report

This report provides a global overview of the state of play of artificial intelligence and blockchain technologies. It shows, among other things, that Europe needs to address an investment gap of up to EUR 10 billion that is holding back the development and deployment of artificial intelligence and blockchain technologies in the EU.

Available in English



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ENISA Threat Landscape 2021

April 2020 to mid-July 2021

This is the annual report of the European Union Agency for Cybersecurity on the status of the cybersecurity threat landscape. It identifies prime threats, major trends observed with respect to threats, threat actors and attack techniques, and also describes relevant mitigation measures.

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Tourism • Education • Culture • Sport

Mapping of sport statistics and data in the EU

Final report to the European Commission

This study is the first in-depth mapping of statistics and data regarding the economic and social contribution of sport at both the EU and the national level in the Member States. The research collects quantitative and qualitative data at the EU and national levels represented by a series of indicators of the impact of sport on the economy and society, from 2012 until 2021. Based on this extensive mapping, the report identifies the existent gaps and overlaps in the available datasets, and gives policy recommendations to fill in the gaps and further harmonise sport statistics in the EU.

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PDF

European Stories

European Union Prize for Literature – Winning authors 2021

In this 2021 EU Prize for Literature winners' anthology, you will discover 13 authors, with 13 different books, in 13 different languages. The diversity of European languages is an unrivalled source of richness for the EU, but also a challenge for book translation, with so many different combinations of languages to cover. As a symbol of the EU's attachment to multilingualism, the anthology includes excerpts from the winning books in the original languages and a translation in English or French.

Multilingual publication: each story in the original language along with a translation in English or French



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Study on the fight against anabolic steroids and human growth hormones in sport within the EU

A report to the European Commission

The Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture of the European Commission commissioned Ecorys in October 2019 to undertake a study on the fight against anabolic steroids, human growth hormones and prohibited methods in sport within the EU.

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The Organisation of the Academic Year in Europe 2021/22

This academic calendar contains national data on how the academic year is structured (beginning of the academic year, term times, holidays and examination periods). Differences between university and non-university study programmes are also highlighted. The information is available for 37 countries.

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Early childhood education and care and the Covid-19 pandemic

Understanding and managing the impact of the crisis on the sector

For the past 18 months, children, families, and early childhood education and care staff have had to face unprecedented difficulties. How did the lockdowns and the pandemic restrictions in general affect young children? Did their learning and development take a hit? These are some of the questions this report attempts to answer.

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Languages – Our Living History

This publication compiles texts drafted by EU translators who have different stories to tell for all 24 official EU languages. They were free to write as they liked, which resulted in a wide variety of styles and subjects – including loanwords, literature and language history. Some of the texts were researched with academic rigour, while others have a more humorous twist. The authors have different stories to tell, but the love and pride they feel for their native languages shines through.

Available in English, French and German



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Adult Education and Training in Europe

Building inclusive pathways to skills and qualifications

This report investigates adult education and training across Europe, with a special focus on policies and measures supporting adults with low levels of basic skills and those with low-level or no qualifications. Alongside qualitative data covering 42 education and training systems, the report also presents statistical data from international surveys. It explores a range of interlinked areas, including: national governance and policy frameworks; publicly subsidised adult learning provision; financial support and incentives; approaches to achieving flexible learning pathways; arrangements for the recognition and validation of non-formal and informal learning; and initiatives aimed at awareness raising, educational outreach and guidance.



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Education and Training Monitor 2021

Education and well-being

This publication presents a yearly evaluation of education and training systems across the EU. The report brings together the latest data, technical reports and studies, as well as examples of policy measures from different EU Member States. This year's lead theme for the *Education and Training Monitor* is education and well-being. The 2021 monitor also analyses the EU-level targets adopted by the Council resolution on a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European education area and beyond (2021–2030).

The HTML version of this publication is available at op.europa.eu/webpub/eac/education-and-training-monitor-2021/en/

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A Guide for Fostering Entrepreneurship Education

Five key actions towards a digital, green and resilient Europe

Europe needs more people who can tackle pressing societal challenges: the twin transition to a digital and green society and the pandemic recovery. Entrepreneurship education (EE) can unleash the potential of Europeans to master climate change and digitisation and to build a more resilient society. In order to enhance European cooperation and strategy building in EE, the European Commission implemented the project 'Peer-learning activities in entrepreneurship education and in women's entrepreneurship' (2018-2021). This guide is a final output from the project. The target group is decision-makers in governments, schools and higher education, civil society and business. The project identified five main areas where decision-makers could become active: training educators, ensuring stakeholders' cooperation, sharing knowledge, raising awareness of the benefits of EE and conducting research on and analysing EE.



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EPALE Adult Learning in Europe

EPALE is a European, open-membership community of adult learning professionals.

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TOURISM • EDUCATION • CULTURE • SPORT

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Nora, Barend, Ana and João are considering moving to another European country. But which country has an environment that is up to Nora's high standards? Where can Barend find a well-paying job? And could Ana and João find someplace that would suit them both? Take a walk around across the European Union and use European statistics to help them make their important life choices!

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Trade • Competition

'10 Things to Do'

Importer's and exporter's checklist

This short guide contains a checklist of 10 steps that exporters and importers must observe for the United Kingdom in relation to the EU–UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

Available in English



2020 –4 pages ISBN 978-92-76-38962-0 doi:10.2778/006207 Catalogue number: KP-08-21-167-EN-N



Misuse of e-Commerce for Trade in Counterfeits

This study presents a quantitative review of the abuse of e-commerce to facilitate trade in counterfeits. In recent years, e-commerce has been expanding rapidly. Between 2018 and 2020, online retail sales, a subset of the businessto-consumer total, rose by 41 % in major economies, compared to less than a 1 % rise in total retail sales. The increase was fuelled by the COVID-19 pandemic. The online environment also became a more popular target for illicit trade, including offerings of illicit goods, among them fake and substandard medicines, test kits and other COVID-19-related goods. The growing popularity of e-commerce has been used by counterfeiters, who are increasingly using e-commerce to sell fake items.

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Report from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the implementation and enforcement of EU trade agreements

This is the Commission's first consolidated report on trade implementation and enforcement actions. The report, which will be published annually, contains information on the Commission activities in partnership with Member States under the strategy to improve market access and help small and medium-sized enterprises make the most of EU trade agreements. It also reports on trade enforcement actions taken by the Commission under the dispute settlement mechanisms of the World Trade Organization, bilateral trade agreements and the EU's trade barriers regulation. Finally, the report provides statistical data on trade and investment for the 37 main EU trade agreements from 2020 (on goods) and 2019 (on services) and covers significant developments up to the end of the second quarter of 2021.

Available in English, French and German



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Transport

Technical Assessment of Transport Fuel Quality Parameters

Final report

The aim of this study was to identify options for improving relevant provisions in the fuel quality directive, in particular in view of the linkages to the recast renewable energy directive. Twelve research themes were identified for technical assessment, under each of which a number of options for potential changes to the standards are identified. Each of these options are assessed in terms of: protection of human health and of the environment from transportrelated pollution, including greenhouse gas emissions; the internal market for transport fuels; compatibility between transport fuels and vehicle components; and economic implications for different stakeholders, including public administrations.



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Ethics of Connected and Automated Vehicles

Recommendations on road safety, privacy, fairness, explainability and responsibility

Expectations for connected and automated vehicles are high: these vehicles can bring the number of road fatalities to near zero, increase the accessibility of mobility services and help reduce harmful emissions from transport by making traffic more efficient. To tackle ethical issues, the European Commission formed an independent expert group in 2019 to provide practical support to researchers, policymakers, manufacturers and developers in the safe and responsible transition towards connected and automated mobility. The 20 recommendations presented in this report consider ethical principles and shared moral values as stimuli in shaping innovation regarding connected and automated vehicles.

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2021 – 82 pages ISBN 978-92-76-17867-5 doi:10.2777/035239 Catalogue number: KI-03-20-238-EN-N



Transport and Environment Report 2020

Train or plane?

Travelling by plane, train or automobile – the most environmentally sound choice may not always be clear. The report assesses the value of travel by train and plane. Rail travel is the best and most sensible mode of travel, apart from walking or cycling. Aviation's emission impacts are much higher on a passenger-kilometre basis. But flying is not necessarily the most harmful choice. Travel by a petrolor diesel-powered car, especially if traveling alone, can be more harmful.

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Road Accessibility in Border Regions

Cross-border interactions within the European Union still face more obstacles than interactions within national borders. Road accessibility might be only one of these obstacles, but adequate transport infrastructure is necessary to provide access to opportunities. To help improve cross-border cooperation, this report assesses road transport infrastructure in border regions. It estimates network efficiency, an accessibility measure suitable for focusing on network characteristics, in great spatial detail for all border regions in the EU. As a result, the report is able to rank border areas according to the efficiency of their network, spot areas in need of infrastructure and infer the reasons for poor network performance.

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EU Transport in Figures

Statistical pocketbook 2021

This publication provides an overview of the most recent and most pertinent annual statistics related to transport in Europe. It covers the European Union and its 27 Member States and, as far as possible, the current EU candidate countries, the EFTA countries and the United Kingdom. As in the reference period (1990–2019) the United Kingdom was part of the European Union, aggregates for the EU-28 are presented whenever possible. The content of this pocketbook is based on a range of sources, including Eurostat, international organisations and associations, national statistics and, where no data were available, own estimates. Own estimates have mainly been produced to get an idea of the EU total. At the level of individual countries they are merely indicative, and should by no means be interpreted as official data.



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Transport Infrastructure in Lowdensity and Depopulating Areas

Research for TRAN Committee

This study investigates the key challenges and trends concerning the provision of transport policies and infrastructure in low-density and depopulating areas. It also provides a comprehensive assessment of relevant transport policies and projects implemented in these areas. Finally, it provides policymakers with an array of policy recommendations aimed at overcoming the identified challenges and gaps.

Available in English



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Delivering drone solutions for smart and sustainable air mobility

U-space research and innovation portfolio

U-space is a set of services and specific procedures designed to support safe, efficient and secure access to airspace for large numbers of drones. These services rely on a high level of digitalisation and automation of functions, whether they are on board the drone itself or are part of the ground-based environment. U-space allows this market to grow by helping establish technologies, rules and procedures that will enable drones to safely share the airspace with manned aviation. The European Commission has announced plans for a new drone strategy 2.0 to be published in 2022. This will provide a vision for the future holistic development of the sector while supporting the European Green Deal, the smart and sustainable mobility strategy, the digital strategy and other EU policies.



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Delivering the Digital European Sky

Further modernising and digitising Europe's air traffic management system holds vast potential for driving aviation's sustainable transition, delivering much-needed efficiency gains and supporting the safe and continued growth and diversification of air travel as new types of vehicles such as drones take to the sky. The COVID-19 pandemic has also shown the importance of ensuring that our air traffic management systems are sufficiently flexible and resilient to cope with unexpected shocks. Over the years, the Single European Sky ATM Research Joint Undertaking has not only provided a vision, but also contributed directly to turning that vision into reality.

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Publications for children

Paneuropa vs COVID-19

The third volume of *Paneuropa* takes us to the struggles with the COVID-19 virus attacking humanity, and an insidious enemy who wants to use the situation to implement his evil plans. Paneuropa's heroes rush to help their compatriots. Romulus and Remus support doctors in Bergamo, Ratcatcher distributes protective materials in Germany and Léandre helps Parisians affected by the lockdown. Paneuropa must prove to everybody that only cooperation and solidarity among all nations of Europe will allow them to win the fight against the pandemic.

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A smart kid's guide to the online world of wonders

Set of potions and magical tools for kids to use on the internet

Jump into the wonderful and peculiar world of the internet with this guide on how it works, the magic of programming and how to freely roam this landscape in a safe and secure way. Learn how to think critically about strangers you meet online, scams, fake news and claims by internet personalities. Be inspired by stories about the lives and work of a security expert and a game designer. Along the way, you can hone your internet skills by taking on a series of fun challenges.

Available in all the official languages of the EU



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The Super Microbes!

A microbe is a very small organism, so tiny that we cannot even see it. We need a microscope to observe a microbe, but there are lots of ways we can see their work in our everyday life, especially in the foods we eat: thanks to them we can enjoy delicious foods like bread, yogurt or cheese. Even though these microbes do some wonderful things for us, lots of people only know about the ones that make us sick. But did you know that there are good microbes? Let's call them 'Super Microbes' because they are silent superheroes! This is a story of two related groups of Super Microbes. One of them eats petrol to make plastics that disappear in nature. The other eats the waste left behind in agricultural fields after harvests and produces fuels made of plants.

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Engaging with Food, People and Places

A toolkit

This toolkit in the form of a book is aimed primarily at pupils and teachers but can be used by anyone. It provides rationales, tools and tips to foster dialogues in schools about food while also being easy to adapt to other subjects and situations. Today it may be food in our canteens, but tomorrow it may be the school's future or mobility options in our neighbourhoods. The toolkit includes a set of activities to help start conversations about topics we may care about and want to address, as citizens.

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