

# SUSTAINABLE WORK IN EUROPE – A FUTURE CHALLENGE

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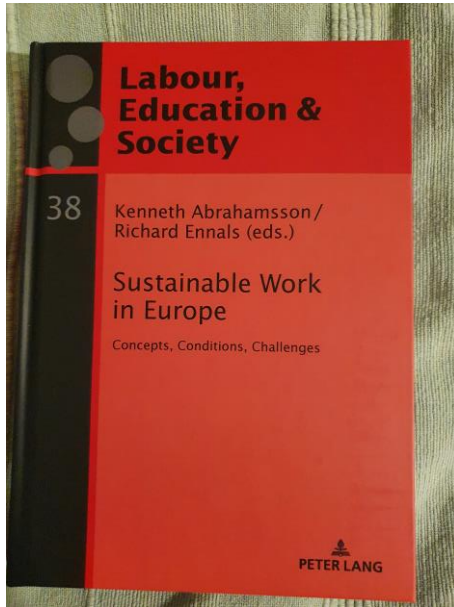
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# The challenges of digitalization, climate change and the pandemic – in a new geo-political context



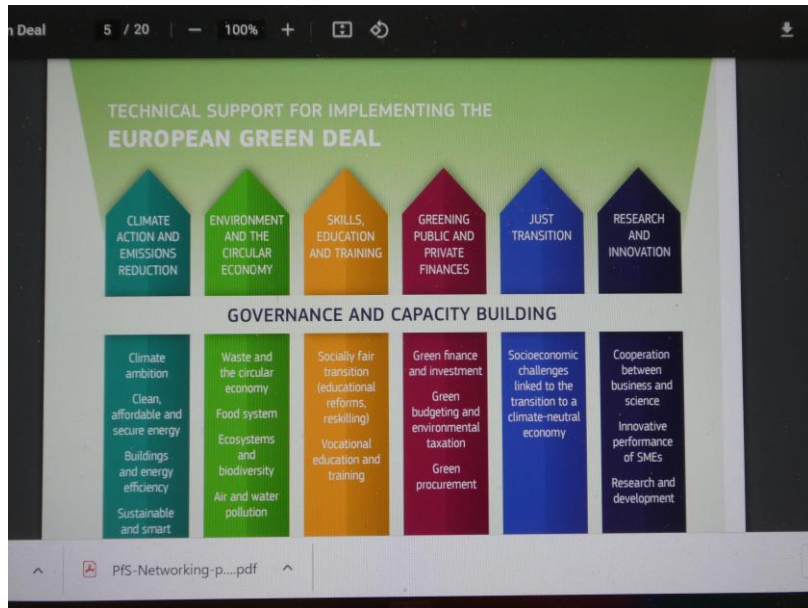
- The first section focuses on the concept of sustainable work, its policy background and relation to job quality, inequalities, gender perspectives, older workers, senior employment.
- The second section highlights sustainable workplace innovations, digitalisation, and the green transformation.
- The final section covers implementation and the channels and methods to connect research, policies, and good practices.
- Kenneth Abrahamsson & Richard Ennals eds. (2022) Peter Lang Publisher

# Some highlights in the book Sustainable Work in Europe

- Sustainable work over the life-course by Franz F. Eiffe, Eurofound, Dublin
- Monotonous&repetitive work by Frank Pot, TNO/Radboud University
- Sustainable Work and the Circular Economy – a foresight by Annick Starren EU-OSHA, Bilbao
- Sustainable Work Innovations&Job Qualities, Chris Mathieu,Lund
- Sustainable Work and the Green Industrial Transformation by Ulrika Harlin&Mattias Elg et.al. RISE-Helix
- The European Unions in the Social dialogue by Anders Kjellberg, Lund



# EU and the green deal agenda – a diverse mission



- fresh air, clean water, healthy soil and biodiversity
- renovated, energy efficient buildings
- healthy and affordable food
- more public transport

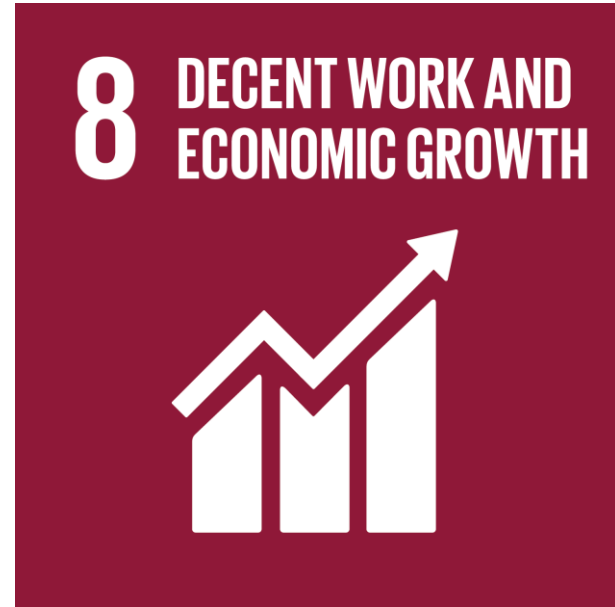
# Integrating work in sustainable development

- **cleaner energy and cutting-edge clean technological innovation**
- **longer lasting products that can be repaired, recycled and re-used**
- **future-proof jobs and skills training for the transition**
- **globally competitive and resilient industry**



# The many faces of sustainable work

- Sustainable work over the life-course
- Sustainable work and job quality&good jobs
- Sustainable workplace innovations&growth
- Green&low carbon jobs&circular economy
- Sustainable production systems and products





# Future research challenges for Sustainable Work

- From traditional “green jobs” in agriculture, forestry, gardening to
- Green jobs in the circular economy: waste management&recycling to
- Green jobs to adapt to climate change and non-fossil energy systems to -
- Green jobs in an intersectional perspective - gender, ethnicity, age etc to
- Green jobs and new work organisations&workplace innovation to
- Green jobs from a healthy and participatory angle



# Sustainable and decent work at risk in Europe

- Employee hostile workplace innovations/"the precariat"
- European geopolitical threats
- Energy/electricity crises
- Inflation, job strain&poverty
- New health/pandemic threats
- Weak political&public support for green transformation
- New digital disruptions





# Sources for further information

- [https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal_en)
- [https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/delivering-european-green-deal\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/delivering-european-green-deal_en)
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