ETUC highlights data showing increase in wage gap

In its continuing campaign to underline the importance of implementing a strong and effective directive on minimum wages, the ETUC has released figures showing that the gap in earnings between the richest and poorest Europeans grew in a majority of EU countries over the last decade. The ‘unequal Europe’ report produced by the ETUC and its ETUI research institute shows wage inequality increased in 14 member states between 2010 and 2019, most notably in Hungary, Spain and Belgium. The analysis suggests that trend is the result of a decrease in the share of workers covered by collective bargaining agreements and fall or freeze in the relative value of minimum wages.

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