

## CORPORATE PRIORITIES

### Continuing activities to support a new paradigm for SGIs in Europe:

Building up on the activities initiated in 2021, SGI Europe will continue to support and promote a new vision for Europe, where SGIs hold the centre of the stage.

This priority will be articulated around the following files:

- Monitoring the **implementation of the Recovery and Resilience and the National Recovery and Resilience Plans**, mainly via SGI Europe project “Involving SGIs in the European Semester” to reinforce the participation of SGIs in the European Semester
- Playing a leading role in the discussion on the **review of the EU economic governance**
- Understanding and promoting **access to essential services** and SGIs as a central element of the European way of life
- Promoting the **key role of SGIs in the Just Transition**, both in the legislative processes underway (proposal for a Council recommendation on Just Transition) and via SGI Europe project “Green Skills in VET”

### Maximising the impact of SGI Europe in shaping the EU approach to sustainable finance:

With its seat in the Platform on sustainable finance, SGI Europe will **reinforce its involvement in the debates on the promotion of sustainable finance** in the EU, both on the **green and on the social dimension of the EU taxonomy**. SGI Europe will also conclude the 8<sup>th</sup> edition of the ‘SGI Europe CSR Label’, with the awarding ceremony on 23 February 2022 in Paris, and start a new era for the Label with a focus on the implementation of the EU taxonomy

### Optimising the potential of SGI Europe seats in transversal platforms and organisations:

- **Fit-for-Future Platform:** Using the seat to potentiate SGI Europe stance on better regulation and administrative simplification, whilst increasing the place of SGIs in the “Foresight approach” of the European Commission
- **Conference on the Future of Europe:** Ensuring the visibility and activity of SGI Europe by:
  - o Calling for **meaningful outcomes to the CoFoE**, via the participation in the plenary and the working groups
  - o **Increasing links with European Parliament**, across all political groups
  - o Using the momentum created by the CoFoE for **recruitment and retention missions**
- **European Movement International:** Using the Vice-Presidency to reinforce the role of SGI Europe as a socially responsible employers’ organisation, close to citizens needs

### Supporting membership recruitment and retention:

- Continue to promote and develop, together with SGI Europe sections and members, activities to grow and develop existing sections
- Support the setting-up of new national sections in order to improve SGI Europe representativeness
- Enlarge the scope of our membership, including big and small organisations, active at both national, regional and local levels, and representing hard and soft infrastructures

**Operationalising the proposed additional working groups on equality and on industrial strategy**, building up on the success of the SGI Europe Digital Policies Working Group

## MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

### Statutory meetings:

- 8 June 2022
- 15 December 2022

**SGI Europe CSR Label Awarding Ceremony:** 23 February 2022, in Paris (France)

PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD	SOCIAL AFFAIRS BOARD	SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
<p><b>Overarching priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring the possibility of designating <b>Digital services as Services of general interest</b></li> <li>• Creating an overview of the <b>definition of ‘in house provision’ in the national jurisdictions</b> across the EU, in order to better understand the diversity</li> <li>• Developing the <b>strategy for the Next Generation EU and Long-term investments in Public Services</b>, including the shift in paradigm to consider investment in SGIs as long-term strategic investments</li> <li>• <b>Lobbying for the change of SME Definition:</b> the approach would be twofold and aimed at alleviating the administrative burden on LPSEs and strengthening our engagement in the European Parliament</li> <li>• <b>Overview of different managerial systems of local public enterprises across the EU</b>, in order to strengthen our arguments on the SME Definition</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities on the review of the EU competition framework</b></p> <p>Monitoring of the activities highlighted by the European Commission in their communication “A competition policy fit for new challenges”, including in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>prolongation of the State Aid Temporary Framework</b> (extended until 30 June 2022) and the <b>Solvency Support Instrument</b></li> <li>• The <b>Climate, Environmental Protection and Energy Aid Guidelines</b> (CEEAG), that aim at providing the necessary support to make the green transition a reality</li> <li>• The <b>Broadband State Aid Guidelines</b> (public consultation opened until 11 February 2022)</li> <li>• The <b>General Block Exemption Regulation</b> (public consultation opened until 8 December 2021)</li> <li>• The <b>Railway Guidelines</b>, to align the guidelines with the major regulatory and market developments and the EU Green Deal.</li> <li>• Publication of a Staff working document summarizing the outcomes of the <b>evaluation of the 2012 SGEI Package on healthcare and social services</b>.</li> </ul>	<p><b>EU Social Partners’ Work Programme 2022-24 and integrated projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Negotiations of the <b>next EU Social Partners Work programme 2022-2024</b> – finalisation of the negotiations early 2022 and follow-up implementation of first activities</li> <li>• <b>Integrated projects 2022:</b> Promotion and support of the implementation of EU social partners framework agreement on digitalisation</li> <li>• <b>Capacity-building for a stronger social dialogue:</b> two meetings of the Subgroup of the Social Dialogue Committee on implementation and follow-up of European social dialogue instruments</li> <li>• Further activities will be defined by the <b>EU social partners WP 2022-2024</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Legislative agenda of the European Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up to the European Commission proposal for a <b>communication and Council Recommendation on social dialogue</b>. Participation to the hearings and consultation processes organised by the EC for this purpose</li> <li>• Follow-up to the Council and Parliament negotiations regarding the directive proposal for <b>fair minimum wages</b></li> <li>• Follow-up to the Council and Parliament negotiations regarding the EU proposal for a directive proposal on <b>pay transparency</b></li> <li>• Follow-up to the European Commission proposal on <b>improving the working conditions in platform work</b></li> <li>• Follow-up to the European Commission (DG COMP) guidelines with regard to <b>collective bargaining for solo-self employed</b></li> <li>• Follow-up to the European Commission <b>action plan on social economy</b></li> <li>• Follow-up of <b>EU Gender Equality Strategy</b></li> <li>• Follow up of any new relevant initiative related to the <b>European Pillar of Social Right and the Action Plan</b></li> <li>• Follow up of the implementation and interpretation of the <b>Transparent and predictable working conditions directive</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>For a Just and Successful SGI orientated European Green Deal</b></p> <p>The Sustainability Board is entering the crucial phase of the ‘<b>Fit for 55 Package</b>’ (FF55), which is bringing to life the objective of reducing by 55% the EU greenhouse gas emissions by 2030. The Board will actively follow the development on the European Parliament and EU Council side, including the monitoring of the upcoming <b>Carbon Removal Certificate</b>. The Board will continue to support a vision for a <b>decarbonised and sustainable economy, fair for EU citizens and environmentally friendly</b>.</p> <p>A specific focus will be put on the need for the <b>energy and climate transition to be socially acceptable</b>. The Board will actively work with the Social Affairs Board on the <b>Just Green Transition Agenda</b> and promote its ambition for a just transition, in which SGIs play a vital and essential role. This should also be concretely reflected in the development of the newly proposed <b>Social Climate Fund</b>.</p> <p>This will be also complimented through the long-term project of the Board’s “<b>From Vision to Action</b>”, providing examples from our members and add valuable insights to reach for climate-neutrality by 2050.</p> <p><b>Long-term planning for a sustainable, resilient and green SGI infrastructure</b></p> <p>The Sustainability Board will continue the work on the <b>Strategic Foresight approach</b> of the European Commission, combining an approach going beyond mitigation and greenhouse gas emissions reduction and including a <b>more holistic approach to protect human health, biodiversity and the ecosystems and preventing pollution of essential resources such as soils and water</b>. This work will also be assisted through the work programme of the Zero Pollution Action Plan.</p> <p>The Board will also put great emphasis in building robust and <b>SGI-friendly Resilience Dashboards</b>, advocating for their use as tools of objectiveness <b>in the development of the EU Taxonomy</b>. This should lead to EU climate and energy policies to be implemented following facts and science to ensure foresight of the EU infrastructures.</p>

<p><b>Activities on the Public Procurement Package</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring the developments regarding the <b>reporting exercise underway</b>, including the sustainable dimension.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April (exact date TBC)</li> <li>November (exact date TBC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow up on the work of the <b>European Labour Authority</b></li> <li>Follow up on the <b>strategic framework on health and safety</b> and relevant initiatives</li> <li>Follow up on the Commission report on the <b>working time directive</b></li> <li>Follow-up of any new relevant initiative within the social affairs field under the supervision of Commissioner Schmit</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meetings</b></p> <p><i>Social Affairs Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 February</li> <li>13 June</li> <li>26 September</li> </ul> <p><i>Social Dialogue Committee (TBC):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 February</li> <li>14 June</li> <li>27 September</li> </ul> <p><i>Annual sustainable growth strategy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>28 September</li> </ul>	<p>With the upcoming 2022 Foresight Report tackling the twin transition, the Board will look into this new aspect through the lens of the European Commission's upcoming action plan on <b>digital transformation of the energy sector</b> as well as on the <b>Greendatat4All Action plan</b>.</p> <p><b>Ensuring the recognition of SGIs in developing of sustainable green finance</b></p> <p>As the Sustainable Finance Platform enters its final year to finalise the second Delegated Act on the EU Taxonomy on the four remaining environmental objectives, the Board will continue to <b>bring SGIs at the front of the conversation on identifying sustainable activities</b>, focusing on the green activities, especially looking into the potentials of developing criteria for circular economy and transitional activities needed for the energy transition.</p> <p>The Board will also follow up and monitor the development of the <b>upcoming European Green Bonds</b> to ensure members of the Board are well informed and have the full picture of the Sustainable Finance Package.</p> <p>Lastly, the Board will continue to <b>strengthen the link between SGIs and modern sustainable solutions</b> for all European citizens and will continue to base its discussions on the three main pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investment</li> <li>Inclusion</li> <li>Resilience</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24 February</li> <li>30 September</li> </ul>
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SGI & Stat TF	Internal Market TF	Working Group on Digital policies	Macro-economic TF	Social Protection TF	Communications TF	Energy TF	Environment TF	Transport TF	Water TF
Activities of the SGI & Stat TF will be <b>coordinated by the Public Services Board</b>	Activities of the Internal Market TF will be <b>coordinated by the Public Services Board</b>	<p><b>Proposal for an EU interoperability strategy</b>, intended to evaluate the interoperability framework and support interoperable digital public services, whilst ensuring cross-border coordination, public sector innovation and defining minimum common specifications public sector data flows and services</p> <p><b>Data Act</b>, which aims at creating fairness in the data economy by increasing access and further use of data</p> <p><b>Artificial Intelligence Act</b>, which intends to build trust and excellence in Artificial Intelligence by laying down EU rules</p> <p><b>GreenData4All</b>, together with the Communications TF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regular <b>input to the European Semester process</b>: Annual sustainable growth strategy, Country reports and Country specific recommendations</li> <li>Monitoring of the <b>implementation of Next generation EU and the Recovery and Resilience facility</b> including lobby and contact with EU institutions to promote members priorities for investments</li> <li><b>Macroeconomic dialogue</b> at technical and political level with Council and Commission (DG ECOFIN)</li> <li>Contribution to the debate on the <b>Review of the European Economic governance</b> and discussions on the general macroeconomic situation in the aftermath of COVID-crisis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide regular input to the <b>High level group of expert on the future of the Welfare State</b> (expert group of the European Commission preparing a report for the future of Social Protection)</li> <li>Follow-up to the future European Commission <b>Council Recommendation on minimum income schemes</b> (Work programme of the European Commission 2022)</li> <li>Follow-up to the discussions on the <b>development of Collective Defined contribution plans</b></li> <li>Follow-up of the issue of access to <b>social protection for self-employed</b> and in particular for platform workers</li> <li>Follow-up to the consultations on <b>digital pension information systems</b>, including the development of pension tracking services and pension dashboards</li> <li>Contribution to the European Commission future proposal with regard to <b>demographic ageing and follow-up of activities planned in the green paper on ageing</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Active Input:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5G</li> <li>- Network and information Security (NIS) Directive – particularly on Security of supply chains</li> </ul> <p><b>Joint work with the Digitalisation Working Group:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DMA</li> <li>- DSA</li> <li>- AI</li> </ul>	<p><b>Active Input:</b></p> <p><i>Fit for 55</i></p> <p><b>Package:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism</li> <li>- Renewable Energy Directive</li> <li>- Energy Efficiency Directive</li> <li>- Energy Performance of Buildings Directive</li> <li>- Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive</li> <li>- European Trading System</li> <li>- ETS for Transport and Buildings</li> <li>- Energy Taxation</li> </ul> <p>EU Gas Package</p> <p><b>Follow-up:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- TEN-E</li> </ul> <p><b>Monitor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New strategy on international energy engagement</li> </ul>	<p><b>Active Input:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Classification, labelling and packaging</li> <li>- Circular Economy Package II - Measures to reduce the release of microplastics in the environment</li> <li>- Policy framework for bio-based, biodegradable and compostable plastics</li> <li>- EU Textile Strategy</li> <li>- Industrial Emissions Directive</li> </ul> <p><b>Follow-up:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revision of EU ambient air quality legislation</li> </ul>	<p><b>Active Input:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lobby activities on the Modal Shift paper towards Rail freight and Public Passenger Transport</li> <li>- Urban Mobility Package</li> <li>- PSO Regulation</li> <li>- Intelligent Transport System Directive</li> <li>- Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive</li> <li>- Multimodal digital mobility services</li> </ul> <p><b>Follow-up:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- strengthening the CO2 emission performance standards for new passenger cars and new light commercial vehicles</li> <li>- package travel Directive - Adaptation to COVID-19 context</li> </ul> <p><b>Monitor:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EU framework for harmonised measurement of transport and logistics emissions</li> <li>- TEN-T</li> </ul>	<p><b>Active Input:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive</li> <li>- Sewage Sludge Directive</li> <li>- Zero Pollution Action Plan initiatives</li> <li>- PFAS</li> <li>- Sustainable use of pesticides</li> <li>- Integrated water management</li> <li>- Restriction on microplastics</li> <li>- Industrial Emissions Directive</li> </ul> <p><b>Follow-up:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Measures to reduce the release of microplastics in the environment (Joint work with Envi TF)</li> <li>- Concession Directive and the exclusion of Water (together with PSB)</li> <li>- Common Agriculture Policy</li> </ul>
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