

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Long-term planning for an SGI-friendly EU policy making

SGI Europe will continue to support and promote a new vision for Europe, where SGIs hold the centre stage. The focus will be put in 2023 on:

- Support the European Commission in developing and drafting the **upcoming Strategic Foresight Report for 2023**, which will focus on the strategic decisions needed to ensure a socially and economically sustainable Europe with a stronger role in the world.
- Further contribute to the **development of the EU framework for the Social Economy**, via a new dedicated **Working Group on Social Economy** to follow the implementation of the Social Economy Action Plan, and further improve the participation of social economy actors at the EU cross-industry social dialogue.

EU Year of Skills and ramp-up of activities on VET and education

Building upon the outcomes of the SGI Europe-EFEE project “Green Skills in VET” (co-funded by the European Commission), SGI Europe will reactivate its VET Task Force in order to, amongst others, increase the visibility and activities related to the skills forecasting and development in SGIs, support the participation of SGI Europe in ACVT and DGVT, share best practices of collaboration between SGIs and education providers and monitor the implementation of the Council Recommendation on VET, the Osnabrück Declaration, the Council Recommendation on Just Transition and the National Recovery and Resilience Plans.

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. Topics to be addressed by the F4F Platform includes, amongst others, Public Procurement, the Social Economy and Foresight
- **European Movement International:** Using the Vice-Presidency to reinforce the role of SGI Europe as a socially responsible employers’ organisation, close to citizens’ needs, including through actions to ensure the success of the follow-up of the Conference on the Future of Europe and the lead-up to the European elections 2024.
- **EESC’s Permanent Study Group on SGI at the EESC:** by providing administrative support to the EESC Permanent Study Group on SGIs, SGI Europe will reinforce its cooperation with the EESC and increase the visibility of SGIs in the EU socio-economic eco-system. The Study Group is foreseen to work on key issues for SGI Europe, including the development of SGI-driven impact assessments, public procurement, financing methods for SGIs, state aid and the access to essential services.
- **OECD Global Deal Forum:** SGI Europe is the first cross-sector EU employers’ organization joining the OECD Global Deal, a multi-stakeholder initiative for inclusive growth highlighting the value of social dialogue and strengthens existing cooperation structures, and providing access to a global network of contacts and resources to support our activities and facilitate recruitment in Members States not yet represented in SGI Europe

Supporting membership recruitment and retention:

- Continue to promote and develop, together with SGI Europe sections and members, activities to grow and develop existing sections. Two events are already scheduled with the Spanish section during the year, in the lead-up and during the Spanish presidency of the Council of the EU.
- 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.

SGI Day on 23 June

On 23 June, on the international UN Day of Public Service, SGI Europe will organise its first **SGI Day**. On this occasion, SGI Europe will organise two high-level events, with 2 different focuses:

- An **internal event**, which will include our statutory meetings and featuring a high-level speakers from the EU institutions (topic and speaker to be confirmed)
- An **external event**, which will aim at showcasing the common challenges faced by SGIs across the EU, as well as identifying possible alleyways and solutions for guaranteeing the continuous provision of high-quality, affordable and accessible services of general interest. It will be an opportunity to reactivate the SGI Network, gathering EU associations representing SGI sectors, both as employers in the EU sectoral social dialogue and as providers of services.

MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Statutory meetings:

- 23 June 2023
- December 2023 (exact date TBC)

PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD	SOCIAL AFFAIRS BOARD	SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
<p>Transversal PSB topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation an overview of the definition of ‘in house provision’ in the national jurisdictions across the EU. • Position SGIs in SME policies and continued activities on the SME Definition, with a focus on the alleged unequal playing field caused by certain financial benefits that public enterprises may have, notably ex post deficit coverage and unequal tax treatment of public and private entities (VAT) • 30 years of EU Single Market, event to be organised on 23 June (Day of Public Services) with a focus on the main developments and challenges. • Resilience and response capacities of critical infrastructure: Monitoring the developments regarding the Proposal for a Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach by the Union to strengthen the resilience of critical infrastructure. • Launching a Working Group on Social Economy, with a cross-board approach and the support of the Social Affairs Board. The Working group would follow up on the Social economy action plan and the envisaged Council Recommendation on developing social economy framework conditions. This would be a Working Group, assembling members from SUST, SAB and PSB. • Better regulation agenda and the implementation of the communication on application of EU law • VAT in Digital age • Single Market Emergency Instrument (SMEI): Proposal for a Regulation as regards emergency procedures for the conformity assessment, adoption of common specifications and market surveillance • Revision of the late payments Directive <p>Public Procurement Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring the developments regarding the reporting exercise that the Commission is currently undertaking on Concessions Directive. • Exploring the role of Strategic Public Procurement (Green, Social and Innovative) in the social economy. 	<p>EU Social Partners’ Work Programme 2022-24 and integrated projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the EU Social Partners Work programme 2022-2024 including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Negotiations on the revision of the 2002 framework agreement on telework with a view to ask for its implementation in the form of a directive. ◦ As a follow-up of the Framework of Actions on Youth Employment, a joint Social Partners seminar will be organised to explore best practices, challenges, and tools available to facilitate the employment and transitions of young workers. A joint statement should be negotiated as an outcome of this seminar. ◦ Integrated projects 2023: Promotion and support of the implementation of EU social partners framework agreement on digitalisation, with the planned creation of a digital tool to monitor implementation and showcase best practices. <p>Legislative agenda of the European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up to the European Commission proposal for a Communication and Council Recommendation on social dialogue Q1 2023. Continue the exchanges with the European Commission on the Communication and lobby, in the context of the Swedish presidency, for a Recommendation to fit the needs of National Social Partners. • Monitor the implementation of the European directive for fair minimum wages and send feedback to the European Commission. • Follow-up to the Council and Parliament negotiations regarding the EU proposal for a directive on Pay transparency. • Follow-up to the Council and Parliament negotiations regarding the EU proposal on improving the working conditions in platform work. • Support the activities of the Working Group on Social Economy and follow up on the European Commission action plan on social economy, including the new Council Recommendation on Social Economy (Q2 2023). 	<p>Ensuring a stable and sustainable future for SGIs in times of crisis</p> <p>Whilst the Sustainability Board and its Task Forces finalising the last steps of the Fit-for-55 Package (FF55), SGIs are dealing with the double challenge to combat climate change and the energy crisis, with massive impacts on the maintenance and resilience of critical infrastructures. The Sustainability Board will further call for a swift adoption and transposition of the FF55, as well as the proposals of the REPowerEU, to accelerate the deployment of low-carbon and renewable technologies and the security of supply. Keeping the green agenda a high priority, the Board and its members will continue the work under the Zero Pollution Action plan aiming to promote structurally and at multi-sector level active reductive and preventive solutions to avoid and eliminate pollution to our air, water and soils. Whilst being mindful towards the economic crisis, the Board will continue its work on the Industrial Emission Directive. The aim will be to propose an SGI-oriented and holistic approach to reduce emissions and protect biodiversity and the ecosystem to guarantee healthy and affordable access to energy, water and waste disposal.</p> <p>Lastly, the Board will continue its work to safeguard the social acceptance of the energy and climate transition. Together with the Social Affairs Board, the Board will actively work on the Just Green Transition and follow the development of the Social Climate Fund to promote its ambition for a just transition, in which SGIs play a vital and essential role.</p> <p>Long-term planning for sustainable and resilient SGI-friendly EU policy making</p> <p>The Sustainability will support the transversal work of SGI Europe on the upcoming Strategic Foresight Report for 2023, which will focus on the strategic decisions needed to ensure a socially and economically sustainable Europe with stronger role in the world.</p> <p>The Sustainability Board will to that aim improves the transposition of the priorities of its Task Forces to emphasise the role of SGIs in the EU socio-economic architecture, whilst pushing for a more sustainable and environmentally friendly approach.</p>

<p>Competition policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State aid Crisis Framework. • De minimis Regulation (deadline for the public consultation: 10 January 2023). • SGEI de minimis Regulation (expires on 31 December 2023, prolongation expected). • The Broadband State aid Guidelines (monitoring until final adoption). • General Block Exemption Regulation (monitoring). • Railway Guidelines (monitoring with possible response to the draft text). <p>Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 February (joint session with the PSB, hosted by the SGI Europe Spanish section and to be held in Sevilla) • 24 May • XX September (date TBC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up on the Commission package on the implementation of the working time directive (Interpretative communication, Implementation report and staff-working document). • Follow-up on any new relevant initiative within the social affairs field under the supervision of Commissioner Schmit • Follow-up on any new relevant initiative related to the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Action Plan • Follow-up on the implementation and interpretation of the Transparent and predictable working conditions directive • Follow-up the interinstitutional negotiations of the women on boards directive • Follow-up on the work of the European Labour Authority • Follow-up on the strategic framework on H&S and relevant initiatives related to it <p>Meetings</p> <p><i>Social Affairs Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 February • 20 June • 26 September <p><i>Social Dialogue Committee:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 February • 21 June • 27 September <p><i>Annual sustainable growth strategy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 September 	<p>To that end, the Sustainability Board will work closely with the Public Service Board together on the development of the EU Council's recommendations to strengthen critical infrastructures.</p> <p>SGIs at the core of developing sustainable finance criteria</p> <p>The Sustainability Board will continue its work on the Sustainable Finance Framework and actively contribute to the finalisation of the EU Taxonomy package. With the upcoming second Sustainable Finance Platform, the Board will continue to bring SGIs at the front of the conversation on identifying sustainable activities, focusing on green activities, especially looking into the potential of developing criteria for circular economy and transitional activities needed for the energy transition.</p> <p>The Board will also continue to monitor the development of the European Green Bonds initiative to ensure members of the Board have the full picture of the Sustainable Finance Package.</p> <p>Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 February (joint session with the PSB, hosted by the SGI Europe Spanish section and to be held in Sevilla) • 21 September
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SGI & Stat TF will be activated ad hoc and if necessary by the Public Services Board .	Activities of the Internal Market TF will be activated ad hoc and if necessary by the Public Services Board .	<p>Data Act (parliamentary stage).</p> <p>Company law digitalisation: Directive to further expand and upgrade the use of digital tools and processes in company law.</p> <p>Implementation of the Digital Markets Act and the Digital Services Act.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular input to the European Semester process: Annual sustainable growth strategy, Country reports and Country specific recommendations. Monitoring of the implementation of Next Generation EU and the Recovery and Resilience Facility including lobby and contact with EU institutions to promote members' priorities for investments. Continue to give input to the European Institutions on the impact of the war in Ukraine on the European Economy with reinforced interactions with the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow-up to the report of the High-level group of experts on the future of the Welfare State (expert group of the European Commission preparing a report for the future of Social Protection). The report should be published end of 2022. Follow-up the review process of the IORP II directive and give feedback to the European Commission on its implementation. Closely monitor the activities of EIOPA in this context. Follow-up the interinstitutional negotiations on the European initiative for Capital Markets Union and 	Following the re-start of the Task Force decided during the GA of 8 December 2022, the Work Programme of the VET TF will be prepared and adopted during the first meeting of the TF in 2023	Following the re-start of the Task Force decided during the GA of 8 December 2022, the Work Programme of the VET TF will be prepared and adopted during the first meeting of the TF in 2023	<p>Active input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5G. Network and information Security (NIS) Directive. <p>Joint work with the Digitalisation Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMA. DSA. Company law digitalisation Directive to further expand and upgrade the use of digital tools and processes in company law. 	<p>Active input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revision of the Electricity Market Design. REDII. EED. EPBD. EU Hydrogen Bank and Hydrogen strategy. <p>Following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with SUSTB on the IED. Work with Transport TF on the AFIR. Gas Directive. CBAM. Internal market and internal rules for renewable and natural gases and hydrogen. <p>Monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Methane Reduction Regulation. 	<p>Active input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circular Economy, with a focus on the Eco-design Directive, the packaging and waste packaging Regulation and on waste prevention methods. Waste Framework Directive, with a focus on the policy framework for bio-based, biodegradable and compostable plastics, the food waste initiative and the Textile Strategy. <p>Following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with SUSTB on the Industrial Emission Directive. Work with the Water 	<p>Active input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Green Deal, with a focus on multimodal ticketing and modal-shift towards rail freight and public passenger transport. Greening Freight Package, and the revision of the combined transport Directive. Mobility Package and the TEN-T and the ITS. Common European Mobility Data Space. PSO Regulation <p>Following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy crisis in the transport sector Joint Work with 	<p>Active input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water Framework Directive, in particular the Surface and Groundwater Directive. Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive. Sustainable Use of Pesticides. Healthy Soils. Revision on REACH. Overall lobby strategies under the Zero Pollution Action Plan to promote pollution prevention at source and the polluter-pays-principle. <p>Following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the SUSTB on the Industrial Emissions Directive. Work with the Environmen

			<p>Sustainability board of SGI Europe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for the inputs to the Macroeconomic dialogue at technical and political level with Council and Commission. • Contribution to the debate on the Review of the European Economic governance (new publication by the European Commission Q1 2023). 	<p>monitor its impact on pensions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIOPA Reports (Main findings on IORP's, Sustainability in the Pensions Sector). • Draft Deforestation Regulation, with a focus on the treatment of pension institutions as 'financial institutions' (in contradiction to the IORP directive). 					<p>Task Force on microplastics in the environment.</p> <p>Monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Shipment. • Methane Emission. 	<p>Sustainability Board: Fitfor55 Package-Industrial Emissions Directive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint work with the Energy Task Force: EPBD, ETS, RED. <p>Monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FitFor55 and the AFIR and the ETS II (Transport). • Greening corporate fleets initiative. • EU regulatory for Hyperloop 	<p>t TF on Microplastics in the environment</p> <p>Monitoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil Health Law.
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