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Editorial

2021: A year of Rebirth



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Dear members, dear friends,

Building upon the lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, SGI Europe continued throughout 2021 to actively push for **better integrating services of general interest (SGIs) at the heart of the EU policymaking**, especially in the **context of the conference on the Future of Europe**. In parallel, the European Commission led by President Ursula von der Leyen **set in motion**, after a first year in office shaken up by the pandemic, **their most ambitious policy projects**.

With new legislative proposals on minimum wages, platform work and pay transparency, the European Commission has clearly shown its ambition to **boost the social dimension of the EU**. Whilst supporting this ambition, SGI Europe also recalls the importance of **subsidiarity, as well as the autonomy and expertise of social partners** (at local, regional, national and EU levels) **in shaping industrial relations**. Striking the right balance between EU action, national frameworks, and social partners' agreements, emerges as an ever-growing challenge to **improve the quality of life and the EU social-economic model**.

Similarly, the **implementation of the EU Green Deal** – and singularly the Fit-for-55 Package and the Just Transition – **was the second core pillar of our activities in 2021**. With the impacts of climate change becoming a tangible reality for all, the EU is showcasing unparalleled ambition in its will to be the first carbon-neutral continent by 2050. This ambition was translated in 2021 into legislative proposals, with the comprehensive **Fit-for-55 Package (FF55)** and the complementary activities on the **EU Taxonomy** to boost sustainable finance across the EU. Impacting all sectors, **SGI Europe and its members – from all sectors – are at the heart of implementing this vision for a climate- and carbon-neutral Europe**.

Next to the climate crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the **urgent need to digitise our societies further**. EU actions in this domain have also been ambitious and plentiful, with co-legislators swiftly progressing on the Digital Markets Act and the Digital Services Act. In line with the EU's overarching ambitions of ensuring the success of the green and digital transitions, initiatives to better support the development of those sectors have been plentiful. The **complete overhaul of the EU competition framework is still ongoing**, making it more friendly with new requirements and new global challenges. Engaging with key decision-makers and stakeholders, **SGI Europe pushed for setting fairness at the heart of the EU approach to digitalisation**.

The **Porto Social Summit**, organised with the Portuguese presidency of the Council of the EU, translated into actions the social commitment of the EU project. As an EU social partner and representative of services **at the heart of the EU socio-economic well-being**, SGI Europe is central to this process. Its voice on the initiatives around the European Pillar of Social Rights, and singularly the **principles of access to essential services, remains critical to shaping policies and achieving its goals for the benefit of all**.

The COVID-19 pandemic was an earthquake for all of us. It also became an incentive to improve the EU and its actions for citizens. Building back on the lessons learnt, now is the moment to **reflect further and find ways to work together better and identify clearly where different actors have the best legitimacy, expertise and knowledge to act**. The EU should play a vital role in that process, especially in mobilising investments to improve well-being and guarantee that the EU remains a leader in the new globalised reality. **As providers and employers, SGIs are committed to building a fair, sustainable, competitive and just future for the EU**.

What is SGI Europe?

SGI Europe (formerly CEEP, the European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public Services and Services of general interest) **represents employers and enterprises providing services of general interest (SGIs)** since 1961. Our members are organisations active in fields such as:

- Central & local administrations,
- Healthcare,
- Education,
- Social services,
- Housing,
- Waste management,
- Energy,
- Transport,
- Water,
- Environment,
- Communications.

Modern services of general interest (SGIs) serve the fundamental goals of the EU, **supporting business, social and territorial cohesion, economic and social solidarity, and a better quality of life for all citizens.**

Present at the heart of the EU

Along with BusinessEurope and ETUC, SGI Europe is **one of the three European general cross-industry social partners**. SGI Europe is an actor in the **EU social dialogue**, having a voice in the European **bipartite** – negotiating with trade unions – **and tripartite** – with social partners and representatives of the EU institutions – social dialogue at the highest level.

Lobbying for Services of General Interest

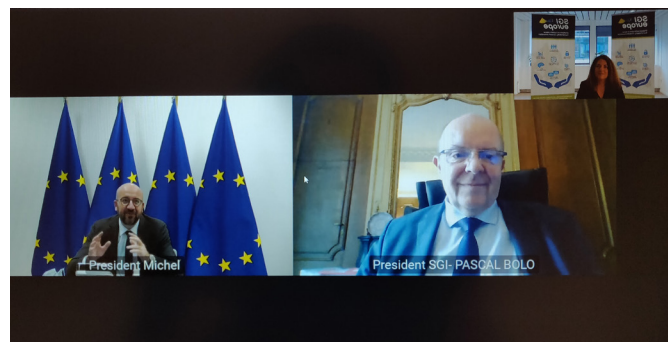
SGI Europe, with its general secretariat in Brussels, represents the interests of its members before the European institutions. We lobby the European Commission, the European Council, and the European Parliament regularly on **any legislative proposal impacting and affecting SGIs and their place in the single market.**

Advocating the Importance of SGIs

SGI Europe also carries out projects promoting the **importance of modern services and SGIs in Europe**. Whether supported by the European Commission or carried out independently, SGI Europe brings a new light on services of general interest, their modernisation and their central role in citizens' lives.



SGI Europe CSR Label Awarding Ceremony, hosted by EDF (photo: Stéphane Laure)



Meeting between Charles Michel, President of the European Council, Pascal Bolo, SGI Europe President, and Valeria Ronzitti, SGI Europe General Secretary

2021 in Review

With the the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 was marked by the EU recovery strategy, particularly the Recovery and Resilience Facility negotiated by EU heads of state and governments in 2020 following the onset of the pandemic. As social partner representing providers of services of general interest, SGI Europe was at the centre of the preparation of the plans, intended to support the economic recovery and support the adaptation to the green and digital twin transition. The European Commission also laid out several proposals to boost the social dimension of the EU, whilst the conference on the Future of Europe engaged EU institutions, national, regional and local governments, social partners and civil society in reflecting on shared ambitions for the EU.

The Conference on the Future of Europe

Kicked off in 2021, the **Conference on the Future of Europe** brought to life a proposal of the European Commission and the European Parliament, announced at the end of 2019. It **brings together EU institutions, social partners, civil society and citizens, anticipates the medium and long-term future of the EU** and reflects on necessary reforms to its policies and institutions.

The Conference on the Future of Europe is a **venture of the European Parliament, the Council and the European Commission, co-chaired by the presidents of the 3 EU Institutions**: the President of the European Parliament (David Sassoli and Roberta Metsola), the President of the European Commission (Ursula von der Leyen) and the Presidency of the Council of the EU (António Costa, PM of Portugal; Janez Janša, PM of Slovenia; Emmanuel Macron, President of France).

SGI Europe activities in the context of the conference on the Future of Europe focused on two main pillars: the **active participation of Pascal Bolo, President of SGI Europe, and Valeria Ronzitti, General Secretary of SGI Europe**, in the plenary and the working groups on “Climate change and the environment” and on “Health”, and the **contributions submitted on the Digital Platform**.

Activities in the context of the conference on the Future of Europe started on 19 April 2021, marking the multilingual digital platform launch. SGI Europe contributed to the Digital Platform with a set of five “Ideas”, addressing “The Future of the EU Green Deal”, “A Fair and Social Europe”, “The Digitalisation of the EU economy”, and “The Future of Healthcare”.

Accompanying the activities of the Digital Platform, the Plenary and Working Groups were the heartbeat of the conference on the Future of Europe. It is composed of 108 representatives from the European Parliament, 54 from the Council, three from the European Commission, 108 from national Parliaments, and 108 citizens, 18 representatives from the Committee of the Regions and 18 from the Economic and Social Committee, six elected representatives from regional authorities and six elected representatives from local authorities, 12 representatives from the social partners and eight from civil society. It debated the recommendations from the Citizens’ Panels and the input gathered from the Digital Platform around main themes. After these recommendations have been presented and discussed, **the Plenary put forward its joint proposals to the Executive Board, who will draw up the conference’s final report on the Future of Europe.**

Building upon the participation at the inaugural plenary on 19 June 2021 in Strasbourg, SGI Europe raised the profile of SGI employers and providers, making sure they were included in the **future for an improved, more efficient and citizen-centric Europe.**



Valeria Ronzitti, SGI Europe General Secretary, during the opening plenary of the Conference on the Future of Europe (European Union 2021 - Source : EP)

Contributing to the COVID-19 Recovery

Following the agreement of EU leaders for a historic Next Generation EU recovery plan in July 2020, consultations and preparation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plans held the centre stage in the second half of 2020 and 2021. **SGI Europe, as one of the EU social partners, has been actively contributing, echoing the requests from national sections and members and calling for increased involvement of social partners in the various ongoing processes.**

Opportunities to highlight our messages and requests were numerous, including during the **various steps of the European Semester process**, high-level forums such as the **Tripartite Social Summit**, the **conference on the Future of Europe**, the **various configurations of the European Council**, the **macro-economic dialogue** and the **Porto Social Summit** organised by the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the EU.

SGI Europe also played a pivotal role in reflecting on a new growth model for Europe. Following up on a request from Charles Michel, President of the European Council, EU Social Partners presented in February 2021 a joint proposal for **new indicators and ways to assess growth beyond the gross domestic product (GDP)**. In the paper “Supplementing GDP as welfare measure: proposed joint list by the European Social Partners”, SGI Europe, ETUC, BusinessEurope and SMEunited contributed to this critical debate, addressing key shortcomings of GDP and precisely its failings **to fully reflect individual well-being and consider additional economic, social, and environmental indicators.**

A Just Transition

At the core of the sustainable transition, **SGIs have a central role in ensuring that the green transition does not contribute to further increasing inequalities.** To that aim, SGI Europe and its members played a major role in the ongoing work to bring to life the spirit of the **European Pillar of Social Rights and its 20 principles.**

In 2021, the main activities focused on **recognising the contribution of SGIs to the access to essential services**, including housing, energy, telecommunications, transport, and water. SGI Europe held a central place in the preparation, by the European Commission, of the **proposal for a Council recommendation on access to essential services**, which was eventually published on 14 December 2021.

Putting people at the heart of the green transition, this proposal intends to encourage Member States to take measures and actions to facilitate job-to-job transitions, support quality employment, equal access to quality education and training, affordable access to essential services, and make optimal use of public and private funding.

SGI Europe was consulted in the lead-up to adopting the proposal via a **dedicated hearing of the EU social partners.** On this occasion, SGI Europe highlighted key messages, such as including access to SGIs and essential services at the heart of the transition, providing an **operational definition of accessibility, affordability, availability, and better monitoring** of whether reforms and investments improve access to essential services. In that process, **social partners have a central role and responsibility**, and the EU and Member States should better include them to ensure the fairness of the green transition.

Social Affairs Board

Porto Social Summit

On 7 May 2021, **EU leaders, European institutions, social partners, and civil society representatives met in Porto for a unique Social Summit**, one of the highlights of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union. On this occasion, Pascal Bolo, President, Valeria Ronzitti, General Secretary, and Luis Natal Marques, President of the Portuguese section, represented SGI Europe and discussed the **implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and the social policy agenda for the next decade**.

The discussions revolved around three main areas: **work and employment, skills and innovation and the welfare state and social protection**. SGI Europe, together with the institutions and representatives present, also signed the **Porto Social Commitment**, reaffirming the need to bring to life the European Pillar of Social Rights and calling for the full involvement of EU social partners in building the social and economic model of the EU.

The Porto Social Summit also provided a unique opportunity to recall the crucial contribution of providers and employers of **services of general interest in shaping social and territorial cohesion and economic growth in Europe**. In the context of the post-COVID19 recovery, the current challenges require an ambitious implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, based on a **new paradigm recognising productive investments in “essential” services as levers for an inclusive recovery, as well as a new impetus for national labour market reforms based on social dialogue**.



Pascal Bolo, SGI Europe President, addressing the Porto Social Summit

Impacting social legislations

Adequate Minimum Wages in the EU

On 28 October 2020, the European Commission adopted a **proposal for a Directive on adequate minimum wages**, which seeks to establish a framework to improve the adequacy of minimum wages and increase workers' access to minimum wage protection. The Commission proposal also aimed to promote collective bargaining on wages and enhance the enforcement and monitoring of the minimum wage protection established in each country.

Following the presentation of the Commission's proposal, both the European Parliament and the European Council started working on the file. As one of the cross-industry social partner, SGI Europe contributed to the debates, both in anticipation of the proposal (via the two-stage consultation procedure) and during the legislative process.

In its position, SGI Europe agrees with the overall objectives of **achieving adequate wages across the EU, making work pay, fighting poverty, and strengthening the role of social partners** and social dialogue in line with national industrial relations systems. SGI Europe highlighted a **preference for a solution negotiated by social partners to be implemented via a Council recommendation** instead of a directive in its approaches with institutions. SGI Europe also expressed concerns regarding the legal basis of the proposal. Finally, the far-reaching impacts of the proposal on social dialogue need to be acknowledged, especially on the need to **incentivise the social partners' role in negotiating and concluding collective agreements**.

Those arguments were mostly taken on board by the European Council. Several Member States adopted similar views before engaging in the trilogue negotiations with the European Parliament and the European Commission.

Pay Transparency

A second central piece of legislation proposed by the European Commission impacting social development was the **proposal for a directive on pay transparency**, presented on 4 March 2021. Intended to strengthen the EU framework for gender equality, the proposed directive would focus on two aspects of equal pay: **measures to ensure pay transparency and better access to justice for victims of pay discrimination.**

In July 2021, SGI Europe adopted an Opinion laying out its positions and proposals. SGI Europe acknowledges the **importance of the principle of “equal pay for equal work or work of equal value” and the role that pay transparency plays in its implementation.** However, it is crucial to **work with a broad and holistic perspective when tackling gender equality issues.** It is essential to acknowledge the interconnection between working conditions and living conditions: work-life balance, opportunities for full and part-time work, parental leave and the sharing of unpaid work in the household and the intersection of various axes of discrimination.

SGI Europe highlights that **social partners are responsible for determining the criteria for wage-setting systems via collective agreements**, ensuring that they are based on equal pay and are gender-neutral, with sufficient flexibility and respect for different traditions and autonomy and responsibility of the social partners. To that aim, SGI Europe recommends **adequate flexibility in the directive to consider the different approaches and level of responsibilities between social partners and regulatory functions.** Giving the flexibility to avoid such overlaps would safeguard the principle of **subsidiarity and the autonomy of social partners whilst preventing administrative costs.**

SGI Europe will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders as the institutions and co-legislators negotiate a common position.

Improving Working Conditions in Platform Work

On 9 December 2021, the European Commission proposes a set of measures (including a communication, a proposal for a directive, and draft guidelines clarifying the application of EU competition law to collective agreements of solo self-employed people) to **improve the working conditions in platform work and support the sustainable growth of digital labour platforms in the EU.**

Before publishing those proposals, the European Commission consulted the **EU social partners through a dedicated two-stage consultation.** During those consultations, SGI Europe stressed that “platform work” covers many different realities and that there is **no uniform labour market reality that can be called “platform work”.** Considering this diversity, SGI Europe warns against a cross-EU one-size-fits-all approach.

Whilst fully supporting the ambition to create a level playing field regarding platform work, SGI Europe calls for **respecting national traditions regarding labour and industrial relations and leaving enough margin of manoeuvre to Member States and national social partners.** As presented, the proposal for a directive on platform work puts forward a one-size-fits-all approach. SGI Europe is particularly **concerned about** the proposal for a **rebuttable presumption of employment**, and considers that the definition of the status of the people that perform work via digital platforms (and whether they are to be seen as employees or self-employed) should remain at the national level.

Balancing risks and opportunities, SGI Europe put forward a middle way, proposing to EU institutions to take a **supportive approach to Member States and national social partners in their diverse efforts to provide a clearer framework for the platform economy.**



SGI Europe at the Tripartite Social Summit, with Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

Public Services Board

Review of the Framework for State Aid

In October 2020, the European Commission unveiled the results of an **evaluation of the State aid rules adopted as part of the 2012 State Aid Modernisation package**. Overall, the review concluded that the state aid control system and the rules fit the purpose. However, individual rules need some **fine-tuning in light of the EU Green Deal and the EU's industrial and digital strategies**.

By nature, providers of SGIs are on the front line when it comes to State aid rules. SGI Europe contributed to the ensuing discussions, preparing position papers to contribute to the public consultations opened on the **General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)**, the **Guidelines on regional state aid**, and the **Guidelines on State aid for environmental protection and energy (CEEAG)**.

SGI Europe believes that the **competition policy** should not be seen as a mere enforcer of greater competition but must become a **tool for shaping inclusive policies**. Member States should enjoy the **flexibility to design policies that correspond to the different national contexts**, in line with the principle of subsidiarity.

Amongst its key messages, SGI Europe called for **better aligning the EU State aid framework and the EU overarching policy objectives**, including the green and digital transition. To that aim, key requests put forward included calling for a **holistic approach to the green transition on state aid**, amongst which district heating and cooling, the energy and environmental performance of buildings, **ensuring legal certainty with a medium-to long-term approach**, as well as a broader definition of "energy infrastructure." Similarly, SGI Europe called for all enterprises and companies to be put on equal footing in the face of state aid, regardless of their legal status and ownership.

EU SME Definition and Local Public Services Entreprises

In 2021, the Fédération des Elus des Entreprises Publiques Locales (member of SGI France) and SGI Europe published the latest edition of their **"Overview of Local Public Services Enterprises in Europe"**. This report confirmed that European Local Public Services Enterprises (LPSEs) are now **essential actors in the lives of EU citizens**. Operating in more than forty lines of business, they provide crucial support for the dynamics of the regions in which they are established. Although their form and scope vary, they all share the same purpose: to **ensure the adequate performance of local public services' and SGIs' activities**.

Long overlooked, the **"LPSE phenomenon" has now grown into reality throughout Europe**. Between 2008 and 2020, the number of LPSEs doubled, from 16.000 companies on record to nearly 32.000. More than **1,5 million Europeans are now employed by local public services' enterprises, which generate more than €300bln of yearly turnover**.

In September 2021, the European Commission published the Evaluation of the Recommendation of 6 May 2003 concerning the definition of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (2003/361/EC), concluding that there is no need to revise the definition. However, when describing the ownership criterion in the evaluation, the **European Commission clearly adopted new elements of languages, now referring to Local Public Services Enterprises (LPSEs)**.

Throughout Europe, LPSEs are the figurehead of a **renewed public services model committed and concentrated at local level**. This allows the effective combination of public sector values and principles with the private sector's strengths and efficiency, considering specific regional features.

SGI Europe continued to call for **better recognition of those actors and equal treatment of private and public SMEs to consider this new reality better, regardless of their ownership**. Under the current SME definition, local public services' enterprises (LPSEs) are hindered in their ability to fulfil their mission of general interest. Given their strategic role in the European territories, LPSEs and public SMEs need to be better supported, particularly in the current context of crisis.

Sustainability Board

Bringing to Life the EU Green Deal and the Taxonomy of Sustainable Activities

In 2021, SGI Europe put at the heart of the actions of its Sustainability Board the **implementation of the EU Green Deal and, at its core, the development of the EU Taxonomy** of sustainable activities.

Since its entry into force on 12 July 2020, the Taxonomy Regulation establishes the basis for the EU taxonomy by setting out overarching conditions to **assess whether an economic activity must meet to qualify as environmentally sustainable**. It also establishes six environmental objectives: Climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, transition to a circular economy, pollution prevention and control, protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

The regulation was complemented in 2021 by various delegated acts prepared by the European Commission with the support of the **Platform for Sustainable Finance - where SGI Europe is represented by Filippo Brandolini, Vice-President**. Amongst others, the delegated acts specify the content, methodology and presentation of information to be disclosed by financial and non-financial undertakings concerning the proportion of environmentally sustainable economic activities in their business, investment or lending activities.

Supporting the ambition of the European Commission to foster sustainable investment in, amongst others, SGIs contributing to the EU **overarching objectives and balancing the social, economic and environmental dimensions**, SGI Europe put the EU Taxonomy on the top of its agenda. To that aim, SGI Europe actively engaged with all stakeholders - from the institutions, social partners and civil society - to promote this common ambition.

On 28 May 2021, SGI Europe co-organised a **joint event with the Employers' Group of the European Economic and Social Committee: "Vision to Action under the EU Green Deal"**. The event featured **Jean-Eudes Moncomble**, chair of SGI Europe's Sustainability Board, **Nathan Fabian**, chair of the EU Platform for Sustainable Finance, **Stefano Mallia**, President of the EESC Employers' Group, **Maria Espirito Santo**,

Deputy Director-General at the Portuguese Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, and **Filippo Brandolini**, Vice-President of SGI Europe. Chaired by **Stefan Back**, chair of the EESC Transport Working Group, the meeting bridged the divide between the debate on the EU Taxonomy and the EU Green Deal. It also explored ways to **connect the strategic objectives of those two initiatives and promote sustainability across Europe**.

The **meeting of the Sustainability Board** on 23 September welcomed **Nathan Fabian**, chair of the EU Platform for Sustainable Finance, focused on presenting the ambitions of the EU Taxonomy and expressing the expectations and concerns of SGI providers. SGI Europe also contributed to **public consultations**, with papers being produced on the **proposed delegated act on disclosure obligations** on Article 8 of the EU Taxonomy regulation and the **preliminary recommendations for the technical screening criteria**.

The EU Approach to Foresight

On 8 September 2021, Maroš Šefčovič, European Commission Vice-President for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight, presented the second edition of the **Strategic Foresight Report on "The EU's capacity and freedom to act."** This report presents a forward-looking and multidisciplinary perspective on the **mega-trends** affecting the future EU's capacity to act, addressing climate change and environmental challenges, digital and technological transformations, and shifts in the global order and demography. It addresses and highlights the **emerging issues, the uncertainties and the choices that will shape the future of Europe**.

The Strategic Foresight Report is also completed by a series of dashboards aimed at measuring the **progress made by the EU and Member States in boosting their competitive advantages and addressing their vulnerabilities**. Various stakeholders, including SGI Europe, have been involved in shaping those dashboards.

By proposing such an instrument of projection, the European Commission intends to anticipate the future and take strategic dimensions into account in the long term. **Considering the position of SGIs in ensuring security and quality of life** for citizens across the EU, SGI Europe held several activities on the topic, including **written contributions** to both the preparation of the Strategic Foresight Report and the dashboards, as

well as **meetings with Vice-President Šefčovič** and the participation of **Dimitri Lorenzani**, member of the cabinet of Vice-President Šefčovič in charge of the Strategic foresight coordination, at the meeting of the **Sustainability Board on 23 September 2021**.

Contribution to sectoral policies

Fit-for-55

On 14 July 2021, the European Commission presented the first leg of the **'Fit for 55' package**, translating into actions the EU climate ambition. The package contains **legislative proposals to revise the entire EU 2030 climate and energy framework**, including the legislation on effort sharing, land use and forestry, renewable energy, energy efficiency, emission standards for new cars and vans, and the Energy Taxation Directive. It also proposes to strengthen the ETS and set up a new emissions trading system for road transport and buildings, complemented by a new social climate fund to address the social impacts of the green transition. A second complementary package was also presented on 16 December 2021.

In the lead-up to those proposals, SGI Europe held various activities to ensure the operationalisation of the recommendations. Amongst others, **SGI Europe** (and the EU Social Partners) **met with Frans Timmermans**, European Commission First Executive Vice-President, **and Nicolas Schmit**, Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, on 1 June and **contributed to the consultations** on the Renewable Energy Directive (RED), the Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), the Energy Performance in Buildings Directive (EPBD), the Emission Trading System (ETS), the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), the Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive (AFID), the Energy Taxation Directive and the Industrial Emission Directive (IED), and well as the revision of the EU Gas Market Rules.

European Urban Mobility Framework

Presented on 14 December 2021, the **new EU Urban Mobility Package** aims to make urban mobility more sustainable, smart, and healthy. With SGI Europe's Transport Task Force in the lead, SGI Europe undertook several activities to present the proposals.

The central element of our activities was the preparation, during the first semester of the year, of SGI Europe's **position paper on the revision of the Urban Mobility Package, published on 25 May** as a response to the

European Commission's public consultation. In its paper, SGI Europe **calls for more robust and active support for urban public transport** in the Urban Mobility Package, highlighting that **urban public transport** (including urban rail) **is the best decarbonisation strategy for cities**. Alongside this principle, SGI Europe puts forward proposals regarding the earmarking of funds for urban nodes in TEN-T regulation and EU funding schemes, a better understanding of public transport in urban mobility, a clear distinction between urban mobility and long-distance transport in EU legislation, as well as more inclusion of public transport in the digital world, for instance regarding the usage of frequency bands and a fair level-playing field for data sharing and mobility platforms.

On top of this contribution, SGI Europe also **welcomed Mr Robert Missen**, Head of Unit at the European Commission's DG Move responsible for the Urban Mobility Strategy, and penned **joint statements with other EU stakeholders from the mobility sector** ahead of the publication of the EU Urban Mobility Package.

Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD)

In 2021, the European Commission announced its intention to **review the 1991 Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD)**. The preparation of SGI Europe, crucial for water operators, was at the heart of the activities of the Water Task Force.

In the **position paper prepared in that context**, SGI Europe welcomed the ambition to review the UWWTD and align it with the political objectives of the EU Green Deal, the Zero Pollution Action Plan, and the Circular Economy Action Plan. This is a crucial step for the **holistic protection of the environment and resources, reducing pollution, and guaranteeing a sustainable and circular economy and society**. SGI Europe calls for the new directive to be compatible with the current EU legal framework in water, climate, energy, and industrial emissions policy and **fully implement the precautionary and polluter-pays principles and the principle of control at the source** as guiding principles.

This paper was presented directly to the European Commission during the **meetings of the Water Task Force**, with the participation of **Veronica Manfredi**, Director for Quality of Life at the European Commission's DG Environment, and Nele Rosenstock, Project leader for the UWWTD at the unit at Marine Environment and Water Industry of the European Commission's DG Environment.

Zero Pollution Action Plan

On 12 May 2021, the European Commission presented its **Zero Pollution Action Plan**, proposing a vision for 2050 for **reducing air, water and soil pollution to levels no longer considered harmful, respecting the boundaries of the planet and creating a toxic-free environment.**

This is translated into **key 2030 targets** for improving air, water and soil quality, reducing the destruction of ecosystems where air pollution threatens biodiversity, reducing the share of people chronically disturbed by transport noise, and significantly reducing waste generation. The action plan aims to **strengthen the EU's green, digital and economic leadership whilst creating a healthier, socially fairer Europe and planet.**

SGI Europe and its Environment Task Force contributed to the **consultations ahead of the proposal's publication and of the EU Textile Strategy**, calling for better resource efficiency, improving the direct environmental impact on soil and water and introducing the polluter-pays principle.

The Zero Pollution Action Plan was also central in the meetings of the **Environment Task Force, including the participation to its meetings** of Maja Desgrees du Lou, Policy Officer for Packaging Waste at the European Commission's DG Environment, and Marie Rincon-Lievana, Team Leader for the Circular Economy and EU Textile Strategy at the European Commission's DG Environment.

Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act

On 15 December 2020, the European Commission proposed a **package to reform the digital space**, with a **comprehensive set of new rules for all digital services**, composed of the Digital Services Act (DSA) and the Digital Markets Act (DMA).

As proposed, the new rules should **better protect consumers and fundamental rights online and lead to fairer and more open digital markets.** A modern rulebook across the single market will also foster innovation, growth and competitiveness. The new rules

will also **prohibit unfair conditions imposed by online platforms** that have become or are expected to become gatekeepers to the single market.

Following up on the presentation of the proposals, SGI Europe, via its working group on digital policy, produced **two position papers: one on the DSA and one on the DMA.** SGI Europe recalled that Europe could set and lead the global standard for a **more competitive, non-discriminatory, responsible, and fairer online environment** with the DSA. It is a unique opportunity to show digital leadership, highlighting the positive aspects of a modern digital single market that makes societies more inclusive, benefits European citizens and companies of all sizes and establishes a level playing field. The DMA, on its side, proposes tools and instruments to guarantee better the role played by services of general interest online. As global online players benefit significantly from the infrastructures operated and provided by SGIs across Europe, as well as from the content they provide, it is now the time to **better acknowledge the impact of the behaviour of gatekeepers on the activities of SGI providers and ensure a level-playing field in the digital world.**

Those papers served as guidelines throughout the whole legislative process, during which SGI Europe engaged with both co-legislators - European Council and European Parliament - including via the participation of **MEP Andreas Schwabb** (EPP, DE), rapporteur of the European Parliament on the DMA, **to the meeting of the Public Services Board on 12 May 2021.**



Pascal Bolo, SGI Europe President, during a plenary session of the Conference on the Future of Europe (European Union 2022 - Source : EP)

Projects

SGI Europe CSR Label

The **8th edition of the SGI Europe CSR Label** took place between July 2021 and February 2022. As the only EU label for services of general interest (SGIs), the SGI Europe CSR Label **has rewarded over 150 enterprises for their outstanding Corporate Social Responsibility activities since its creation in 2008**. The SGI Europe CSR Label is proof that social responsibility is a matter for all companies: SGI companies of all sizes are champions in this field.

On **23 February 2022**, SGI Europe organised the awarding ceremony, hosted in Paris by Electricité de France (EDF). **Nineteen enterprises of services of general interest from across Europe were awarded for their CSR practices** after completing the evaluation steps. Ahead of the awarding ceremony, SGI Europe also organised a **dedicated workshop on implementing the EU Taxonomy Regulation**, highlighting the intention to create a new generation of CSR labels for SGIs focusing on the EU Taxonomy.

SGI Europe Projects

Green Skills in VET

In 2021, SGI Europe and the European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE) started their joint EU project, **“Green Skills in VET”**, co-financed by the European Commission. It aims at **supporting SGIs and vocational education and training (VET) providers to identify the skills and training needs for materialising the green transition**.

The project focuses on three key SGI sectors affected by the resource-efficient and green economy development: water, transport, and energy. Its objectives are:

- **Identifying the current demands for green skills and jobs** in the three sectors and singling out any mismatch between skills needs and learning provision.
- **Promoting and sharing teaching and training methods** between the education and training supply and the SGIs to align these two sectors as much as possible.
- **Adapting the professional development of VET staff** and designing solutions for enterprises and education providers for adapting green skills delivery.

The **kick-off conference of the project took place on 6 July 2021**, with the participation of **Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Affairs. The event raised awareness regarding the green skills shortages within the services of general interest and VET providers’ development of teaching methods and staff competencies to deliver green-oriented training. On 19 October 2021, the **first sectoral workshop took place, hosted by Empresa Municipal Mixta d’Aigües de Tarragona (EMATSA)**.

Involving SGIs in the European Semester

The EU project **“Involving SGIs in the European Semester”**, co-financed by the European Commission, started in 2021. It aims at **upgrading the current involvement of SGI Europe members in the European Semester**, with increased coordination amongst our members.

To fully implement the European Pillar of Social Rights through the EU Semester, SGIs are essential to **deliver on environmental sustainability, productivity gains, fairness and macro-economic stability**. To that aim, this project will **develop the capacity for SGIs to design tools and methods of consultation** and provide future high-quality inputs **to the reform process in Europe**.

Together with its project partners – Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR, Sweden), Union of Social and Solidarity Economy Employers (UDES, France), and the Union of Social Profit Companies (UNISOC, Belgium), SGI Europe will:

- **Reinforce participation of SGIs in the European Semester** process through the identification, appointment, and training of National Semester Contact Points.
- **Produce a methodology that will make SGIs input more timely, structured, and relevant.**
- **Improve SGIs’ contribution to the European Semester** and highlight the relevance for SGI Europe members to implement the Pillar of Social Rights principles close to their sectoral activities.

Joint Projects

Labour INT 2: Final dissemination conference

On 4 March 2021, the **Labour-INT 2 project** – conducted by SGI Europe and the European Social and Economic Partners with the support of the European Commission – **held its final dissemination conference.**

The success of the Labour-INT 2 project was translated into a joint commitment at EU level to work with governments and all stakeholders to **develop policies to support refugees’ and migrants’ integration.** The project created key instruments for **designing and implementing concrete tools and practices** for fostering labour market integration through skills assessment and matching.

SGI Europe made a substantial contribution to the Labour-INT 2 project by **coordinating the Expert Group on Skills and Migration (EGSM)**, together with the International and European Forum on Migration Research (FIERI), gathering practices and **testing and evaluating the “EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals”.**

Circular Economy and the World of Work

The project **“Circular Economy and the World of Work”**, run by the EU Social Partners (SGI Europe, ETUC, BusinessEurope, SMEunited) in the context of their joint work programme 2019-2021, was concluded on **14 October 2021**, with the **dissemination conference and the publication of the final report.**

The project informed EU Social Partners on the **anticipated impacts on the world of work of the transition to a circular economy** to prepare **recommendations for future social dialogue activities and policymakers.**

Focusing on the impacts on employment, labour markets and working conditions, the project brought together experts, decision-makers and social partners to take stock of the recent development of the circular economy, policy actions at EU level, and its contribution to the EU Green Deal.

Skills, innovation and the provision of and access to training

On **18 November 2021**, EU social partners organised the **final conference of their joint project, “Skills, innovation and the provision of and access to training”**, as a final activity of the joint work programme 2019-2021.

The project’s main objective was to **improve training systems and ensure inclusive, quality and effective skills provision and long-term skills strategies** to foster innovation and encourage innovation outcomes through the engagement of social partners, especially in the industry 4.0 revolution (and its new technologies and challenges).



SGI Europe CSR Label Awarding Ceremony, hosted by EDF (photo: Stéphane Laure)

New projects approved for funding by the European Commission

SGI Europe and two of its members, Employers of Poland, and Malta Employers Association, successfully applied for financing with two new projects to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 crisis on the activity of the national social partners. Activities are foreseen to start in 2022 and continue for the next two years.

Social Affairs Board

Social Affairs Board

- **Chair:** Jeanette GRENFOR (SE)
- **Vice-chairs:** Michael DE GOLDS (BE), Elvira GENTILE (IT), Urban SIEBERTS (DE)
- **General rapporteur:** Dag HÅKANSSON (SE)

Policy Priorities

- **Negotiations of the new EU Social Partners work programme 2022-2024:** start of the negotiations in September 2021 and final agreement on 18 March 2022. This work programme contains the list of planned activities for the EU Social Partners to implement in the coming years
 - **Follow-up of the legislative proposals of the European Commission in the field of social affairs,** including the proposals for directives on **minimum wage, pay transparency and working conditions in platform work**
 - **Regular participation in the social partners' dedicated hearings** organised by the Directorate-General for Employment and Social Affairs of the European Commission
- ◇ Position paper on the **social economy action plan**
 - ◇ Position on the proposal for a **Council Recommendation on a Just Green transition**
 - ◇ SGI Europe's amendments on the **minimum wage directive**
 - Providing inputs to the European Commission in the context of **hearings of the social partners on:**
 - ◇ **Individual learning account and micro-credentials**
 - ◇ **Green paper on ageing**
 - ◇ Proposal for a **Council Recommendation on Just transition**
 - ◇ Working conditions of **seasonal workers**
 - ◇ **Access to social protection for the self-employed**
 - ◇ **Collective bargaining for the solo-self-employed**
 - ◇ **European child guarantee**
 - ◇ **Social economy action plan**
 - Preparations of SGI Europe key messages and speaking points at the **Tripartite social summit, the informal Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council** and the **Porto Social Summit**
 - Coordination of SGI Europe's participation in the **activities of EU agencies related to social dialogue and working conditions** (Eurofound and the European Labour Authority)

Main Activities

- **Board meetings:** 2 February 2021, 3 June 2021, 15 June 2021, 27 September 2021, 2 December 2021
- **Negotiations of the EU social partners work programme 2022-2024**
- **Preparations of SGI Europe opinions, position papers and responses** to social partners and public consultations on:
 - ◇ Responses to the two-stage consultation on a possible action addressing the **challenges related to working conditions in platform work**
 - ◇ Opinion on **Pay transparency**

Active Members (in the Board and the related task forces)

- **Arbetsgiveralliansen**
- **AdP** - Aguas de Portugal, Sgps, SA
- **AKA e.V.** - Arbeitsgemeinschaft kommunale und kirchliche Altersversorgung E.V.
- **APA** - Administração do Porto Aveiro, SA
- **APS** - Administração do Porto de Sines, SA
- **ARAN** - Agenzia per la Rappresentanza
- **Negoziale delle Pubbliche Amministrazioni**
- **BBVL** - Beratungsgesellschaft für Beteiligungsverwaltung Leipzig GmbH
- **BICA** - Bulgarian Industrial Capital Association
- **BOGESTRA** - Bochum-Gelsenkirchener Straßenbahnen AG
- **BVG** - Berliner Verkehrsbetriebe, AöR
- **BVÖD** - Bundesverband Öffentliche Dienstleistungen

- **CDC** - Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations
- **Companhia Carris de Ferro de Lisboa, SA**
- **CONFSERVIZI**
- **Danish Employee and Competence Agency**
- **Danish Regions**
- **Deutscher Städtetag**
- **DSTGB** - Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund
- **DVBAG** - Dresdner Verkehrsbetriebe AG
- **EBU** - European Broadcasting Union
- **EDF** - Electricité de France
- **EFEE** - European Federation of Education Employers
- **Employers of Poland**
- **Erftverband Bergheim**
- **FASTIGO** - Employers' Association for the Property Sector
- **FedePL**
- **Fondazione Rubes Triva**
- **Fundacion ONCE, S.A.** - Organización Nacional de Ciegos Españoles
- **GdW** - Bundesverband deutscher Wohnungs- und Immobilienunternehmen e.V.
- **HOSPEEM** - European Hospital and Healthcare Employers Association
- **IP** - Infraestruturas de Portugal, SA
- **KAV Bayern** - Kommunale Arbeitgeberverband Bayern e.V.
- **KFO** - Co-operative Employers' Association
- **KL** - Local Government Denmark
- **KS** - Association of Local and Regional Authorities
- **KT** - Local Authority Employers
- **MEA** - Malta Employers Association
- **Nederlandse Centrale Overheidswerkgever**
- **NEREO** - North East Regional Employers
- **NEXEM**
- **REGIONER** - Danish Regions
- **Rheinbahn AG**
- **SAGE** - Swedish Agency for Government Employers
- **SEEMP** - South East Employers
- **SEPI** - Sociedad Estatal de Participaciones Industriales
- **SALAR** - Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
- **Samfunnsbedriftene**
- **SBE** - Federation of Industries of Greece
- **SGI Europe - Portugal**
- **SGI Europe - UK**
- **Sobona**
- **SPEKTER** - The Employers' Association Spekter
- **SSB AG** - Stuttgarter Straßenbahnen AG
- **Stadt Wien**
- **Stadtwerke Frankfurt am Main Holding GmbH**
- **Stadtwerke Köln**
- **TdL** - Tarifgemeinschaft deutscher Länder
- **TfL** - Transport for London
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- **TRANSTEJO** - Transportes do Tejo, SA
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- **UDES** - Union de l'Economie Sociale et Solidaire
- **UNISOC** - Union des Entreprises à Profit Social
- **VDV** - Verband Deutscher Verkehrsunternehmen e.V.
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- **VÖWG** - Verband der Öffentlichen Wirtschaft und Gemeinwirtschaft Österreichs
- **WIBERA** - Wirtschaftsberatung AG
- **Wiener KAV** - Wiener Krankenanstaltenverbund

Social Affairs Board

Macroeconomics Task Force

- **Chair:** Tor HATLEVOLL (SE)
- **Vice-chairs:** Jan DOMANSKI (PL), Stefano GORI (IT), Reinhold RICKES (DE)

Policy Priorities

- **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 SGI Europe's priorities for investments
- **Macroeconomic dialogue at technical and political level,** with the European Council and the European Commission (DG ECOFIN)
- **Review of the Growth and Stability Pact** and discussions on the general macroeconomic situation in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic

Main activities

- **Task force meetings:** 2 February 2021, 5 October 2021, 2 November 2021
- Preparation of SGI Europe **inputs to the Macroeconomic dialogue,** at both technical level and political level
- Coordination and preparation of the joint EU social partners' position on **"Beyond GDP: Supplementing GDP as welfare measure":** proposed joint list of indicators by the European Social Partners
- Response to the public consultation on the **review of the EU economic governance**

Social Protection Task Force

- **Chair:** Klaus STÜRMER (DE)

Policy Priorities

- Follow-up and preparation of **input for the future European Commission's Green Paper on ageing,** launching a debate on long-term impacts, notably on care and pensions, and on how to foster active ageing and close monitoring of European Parliament activity about pension developments in the EU
- Monitoring of the implementation of the **High-Level Group of experts on supplementary pensions'** and, in particular, promotion of the role of Social Partners in IORPS
- Support to SAB on the social partners consultation for **improving the labour conditions of Platform workers** when it comes to **access to social protection**

Main activities

- **Task force meetings:** 4 March 2021, 30 March 2021, 10 November 2021
- Contribution to the **Green Paper on Ageing of the European Commission,** emphasising critical issues related to ageing and contributing to the discussion on possible ways to anticipate and respond to the socio-economic impacts of Europe's ageing population. Response to the public consultation - Green Paper on Ageing
- **Drafting of the comments of the employers on the joint long-term care report 2021** of the SPC and the European Commission
- **Employers' comments on 2021 Social Protection Committee's Pension Adequacy Report**



Public Services Board

Public Services Board (incl. the SGI and Internal Market Task Forces)

- **Chair:** Nadine FISCHER (DE)
- **Vice-chairs** Thierry DURNERIN (FR), Luigi Joseph DEL GIACCO (IT), Jaime CASTIÑEIRA DE LA TORRE (ES)

Policy Priorities

- **Review of the framework for State Aid** (revision of Climate, Energy and Environment State aid Guidelines, targeted revision of General Block Exemption Regulation, Broadband Guidelines)
- **Monitoring the developments on State aid Temporary Framework**
- **SME definition**, active advocacy on using different approaches for defining SMEs.
- Monitoring the reporting exercise on the economic impact of the **Public Procurement Package** with a focus on the exclusion of the **water sector from the Concessions Directive**
- Activities within the **Fit for Future platform**, as a rapporteur on Guidelines on State aid to the Agricultural and Forestry Sectors and Rural Areas and Agricultural Block Exemption Regulation (ABER)
- Active involvement in the legislative process of the **Digital Markets Act (DMA) and Digital Services Act (DSA)**
- Position paper on the **EU rules on the security of network and information systems Commission proposal** (NIS 2 Directive)
- Position paper on **Climate, Energy and Environment State aid Guidelines** (CEEAG)
- Position paper on the targeted **revision of General Block Exemption Regulation**, exchange with Unit A.3. State aid: Case Support & Policy, DG Competition, European Commission
- Position paper on the **Roadmap on State Aid Broadband Guidelines**
- Exchange on the exclusion of water from the **Concessions Directive** with Unit C.3. Public interest services, concessions, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
- Responses to the **public consultations on Digital Markets Act and Digital Services Act**.
- **Exchange on the DMA with the rapporteur, MEP Andreas Schwab** (DE, EPP), during the PSB meeting on 12 May 2021
- **Dissemination of SGI Europe's proposals for amendments** to the DMA and DSA to the MEPs of the leading and associated committees

Main activities

- **Board meetings:** 12 May 2021, 2 December 2021.

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- **ACEA SPA**
- **Águas de Gaia, EM, SA**
- **AöW** - Allianz der öffentlichen Wasserwirtschaft, e.V.
- **APA** - Administração do Porto Aveiro, SA
- **APS** - Administração do Porto de Sines, SA
- **BBVL** - Beratungsgesellschaft für Beteiligungsverwaltung Leipzig GmbH
- **BDEW** - Bundesverband der Energie- und Wasserwirtschaft e.V.
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- **BSR** - Berliner Stadtreinigungsbetriebe, AöR
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- **EBU** - European Broadcasting Union
- **EDF** - Electricité de France
- **EEM** - Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, SA
- **EFEE** - European Federation of Education Employers
- **ELIGE** - Red de Empresas Locales de Interés General
- **EMASESA** - Empresa Metropolitana de

Abastecimiento y Saneamiento de Aguas de Sevilla S.A.

- **Employers of Poland**
- **ENAC**
- **Erftverband**
- **FAD** - The State Employers' Organisation
- **FedeEPL**
- **Fondazione Rubes Triva**
- **GdW** - Bundesverband deutscher Wohnungs- und Immobilienunternehmen e.V.
- **Gelsenwasser**
- **HEAG**
- **HERAmbiente SpA**
- **IEFP** - Instituto do Emprego e Formação Profissional, IP
- **IP** - Infraestruturas de Portugal, SA
- **KL** - Local Government Denmark
- **KS** - Association of Local and Regional Authorities
- **KT** - Local Government Employers
- **KVVKS** - Kasseler Verkehrs- und Versorgungs-GmbH
- **LVB** - Leipziger Verkehrsbetriebe GmbH
- **Metropolitano de Lisboa, EPE**
- **Nantes Métropole Aménagement**
- **NARE** - National Association of Regional Employers
- **NEXEM** - Organisation professionnelle des employeurs associatifs du secteur social, médico-social et sanitaire
- **Österreichischer Gemeindebund**
- **Poste Italiane**
- **Rheinbahn AG**
- **SALAR** - Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions
- **Samfunnsbedriftene**
- **SBE** - Federation of Industries of Greece
- **SEMITAN** - Société d'économie mixte des transports en commun de l'agglomération nantaise
- **SEMMINN** - Société d'Economie Mixte du Marché d'Intérêt National de Nantes
- **SERL** - Société d'équipement du Rhône et de Lyon
- **SETE** - Société d'exploitation de la Tour Eiffel
- **SEPI** - Sociedad Estatal de Participaciones Industriales
- **SERL** - Société d'équipement du Rhône et de Lyon
- **SIC** - Société immobilière de Nouvelle-Calédonie
- **SGI Europe - Portugal**
- **SGI Europe - UK**
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- **SOGARIS**
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- **SUEWAG**
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Sustainability Board

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- **Chair:** Jean-Eudes MONCOMBLE (FR)
- **Vice-chairs** Klaus NUTZENBERGER (DE), Stefan Georgiev CHAYKOV (BG)

Policy Priorities

- **“From Vision to Action - The role of SGIs after one year of the EU Green Deal”**, with guest speaker Gilles Gantelet, Director for policy coordination at the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Environment (DG ENVI), and Axel Fougner, Policy Officer Specialising on EU Green Bonds at the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA)
- **“Financing the Green Transition and Sustainable Policy-Making”**, with guest speakers Nathan Fabian, Chair of the Sustainable Finance Platform, and Dimitri Lorenzani, Member of the cabinet of Maroš Šefčovič, European Commission Vice-President for Foresight and Interinstitutional Relations

Main activities

- **Board meetings:** 18 February 2021, 23 September 2021
- 18 May 2021: **Ad-hoc meeting of the Board on the EU taxonomy** to take stock of the ongoing activities of the Platform for Sustainable Finance, as well as the anticipation of the following steps
- 28 May 2021: **Joint event with the Employers’ Group of the European Economic and Social**

Committee on “The EU Green Deal: From Vision to Action”

- with Jean-Eudes Moncomble, chair of the Sustainability Board, Nathan Fabian, chair of the Platform for Sustainable Finance, Stefano Mallia, President of the EESC Employers’ Group, Maria Espirito Santo, Deputy Director General at the Portuguese Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, and Filippo Brandolini, Vice-President of SGI Europe
- 1 June 2021: **High-level meeting of the Social Partners with Frans Timmermans**, European Commission Executive Vice-President for the EU Green Deal, **and Nicolas Schmit**, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, **on the Fit for 55 Package**
- **Policy Recommendation to Delegated Act on Disclosure Obligations in the Taxonomy Regulation on Article 8**
- **Position paper** on the preliminary recommendations for the **Technical Screening Criteria of the EU Taxonomy**
- SGI Europe feedback to the **Strategic Foresight Report Resilience Dashboards**
- SGI Europe **statement on the EU Green Deal**
- Input to the SGI Europe **position on the upcoming proposal for a Council Recommendation on a Just Green transition**

Active Members (in the Board and the related task forces)

- **A2A**
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- **Aguas de Gaia, EM, SA**
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- **Aquachim**
- **APA** - Administração do Porto Aveiro, SA
- **APS** - Administração do Porto de Sines, SA
- **AquaFlanders**
- **ARGE** Österreichischer Abfall-Wirtschaftsverbände
- **ASFinAG** - Autobahnen- und SchnellstraßenFinanzierungs- Aktiengesellschaft
- **ATM** - Azienda Trasporti Milanesi SpA
- **Baía do Tejo, SA**
- **BBVL** - Bertatungsgesellschaft für Beteiligungsverwaltung Leipzig GmbH
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- **Companhia Carris de Ferro de Lisboa, SA**
- **CONFSERVIZI**
- **CTM-COMADRID** - Consorcio Regional de Transportes Publicos Regulares de Madrid
- **Deutscher Landkreistag**
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- **London Councils**
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- **Sobona**
- **Soraris SpA**
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- **Wien Energie GmbH**
- **Wiener Linien GmbH**
- **Wiener Netze GmbH**
- **Wiener Stadtwerke**
- **Wuppertaler Stadtwerke**

Sustainability Board

Communications Task Force

- **Chair:** Martine ALLAIRE (FR)
- **Vice-chair:** Wouter GEKIERE (EBU)

Policy Priorities

- Active work to **promote a more inclusive society through digitalisation**, with a focus on digital training/skills, information and media literacy, and digital inclusion
- Policy development on **cyber security and artificial intelligence**
- Follow-up the development of the **NIS 2 Directive**
- Monitoring and preparation of **possible EU initiatives on 5G and 6G**
- Analyse and understand the **expansion of broadband**, as well as the development of investment in networks

Main activities

- **Task force meetings:** 16 June 2021, 14 December 2021
- **Cooperation and support to the Digital Policy working group**, with a focus on the inputs to the Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act, as well as on data governance

Energy Task Force

- **Chair:** Elmar THYEN (DE)
- **Vice-chairs:** Cecilie BJELLAND (NO), Alain TACCOEN (FR)

Policy Priorities

- **Preparation and follow-up of the publication**, on 14 July 2021, **of the Fit for 55 Package** by the European Commission, with a focus on the Renewable Energy Directive (RED), Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), Energy Performance in Buildings Directive (EPBD), Emission Trading System (ETS), Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive (AFID), Energy Taxation and Industrial Emission Directive (IED)

Main activities

- **Task force meetings:** 16 March 2021, 29 June 2021, 28 October 2021
- **Special meeting** of the task force **on 1 September, dedicated to the EU taxonomy**
- 4 March 2021: **Meeting with members of the cabinet of Kadri Simson**, European Commission for Energy, **on the Energy Efficiency Directive and the Renewable Energy Directive**
- 24 June 2021: **Bilateral meeting with members of the cabinet of Frans Timmermans**, European Commission's Executive Vice-President for the EU Green Deal, **on the Fit for 55 Package**
- 27 September 2021: **Participation of Elmar Thyen**, chair of the Energy task force, **at the high-level meeting of the Institute for Sustainable Transition and Development**, with co-panellists Andrey Zhivkov, Bulgarian Minister for Energy, and Frans Timmermans, European Commission Executive Vice-President
- **Contribution to the public consultations** on Renewable Energy Directive (RED), Energy Efficiency Directive (EED), Energy Performance in Buildings Directive (EPBD), Emission Trading System (ETS), Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive (AFID), Energy Taxation and Industrial Emission Directive (IED)
- **Revision of the SGI Europe position on the CBAM**
- **Position on the Revision of the EU Gas Market Rules**

Environment Task Force

- **Chair:** Federico FOSCHINI (IT)
- **Vice-chairs:** Solène CHARPENTIER (FR), Janusz KARWOT (PL)

Policy Priorities

- Monitoring on the update on **guidance for separate collection of municipal waste, packaging and waste packaging directive**
- Follow-up on the preparation of the **EU Textile Strategy**
- **Zero Pollution Action Plan**
- **Industrial Emissions Directive**
- Joint work with the Water Task Force on the **Urban wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD)** and the **Sewage Sludge Directive**
- Contribution to the SGI Europe position on the **EU taxonomy of sustainable activities**, with a focus on the sustainable criteria on Waste to Energy and waste related issues

Main activities

- **Task force meetings:** 2 March 2021, 3 June 2021, 12 October 2021
- **Position paper on the EU Textile Strategy**
- Contribution to the **public consultation on Zero Pollution Action Plan**
- Contribution to the **public consultation on the Industrial Emissions Directive**
- SGI Europe's **amendments to the draft report on batteries and waste batteries**, repealing directive 2006/66/EC and amending regulation (EU) No 2019/1020
- Joint work with the Water Task Force on the **UWWTD and the Sewage Sludge Directive**
- Active work on **waste-to-energy** and **waste-related issues** for the SGI Europe position on the **EU Taxonomy**

Transport Task Force

- **Chair:** Monika UNTERHOLZNER (AT)
- **General Rapporteur:** Elisa SCHENNER (AT)

Policy Priorities

- Anticipation of the proposal of the European Commission for a new **EU Urban Mobility Framework**
- Follow-up and active contribution to the **Intelligent Transport System (ITS) Directive** and monitoring closely the development of the **Public Service Obligation Guidelines (PSO) Directive**
- Regular updates on the **transposition of the Clean Vehicles Directive**
- Building up a coalition of mobility actors supporting public transport in the context of the preparation of the EU Urban Mobility Framework

Main activities

- **Task force meetings:** 15 March, 21 June, 19 October
- Preparation of the SGI Europe Position paper on **Modal Shift towards Rail Freight and Public Passenger Transport**
- Contribution to the public consultation on the **Alternative Fuels Infrastructure Directive**
- Contribution to the public consultation on the **Zero Pollution Action Plan**
- Contribution to the public consultation on **Energy Taxation**
- **Joint stakeholder statement and open letter on the EU Urban Mobility Framework**

Sustainability Board

Water Task Force

- **Chair:** Michele FALCONE (IT)
- **Vice-chairs:** Hans DE GROENE (BE),
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- **General Rapporteur:** Davide SCAGLIONE (IT)

Policy Priorities

- **Regular updates** from SGI Europe correspondents **from the European Commission's water-related working groups** (WG Chemicals, WG Water Reuse, WG Drinking Water, Strategic Coordination Working Group and CIS ATG Economics)
- **Updates and information on the PFAS** (Perfluoroalkyl chemicals), including anticipation of the activities for 2022
- **Active work with members on the sustainability criteria for Water protection, energy efficiency and other preventative measures to avoid pollution** in the environment for the SGI Europe position on the EU Taxonomy

Main activities

- **Task force meetings:** 3 March 2021, 2 June 2021, 17 November 2021
- Joint work with the Environment Task Force on the **UWWTD** and the **Sewage Sludge Directive**
- Contribution to the **public consultations on the Urban Waste-Water Treatment Directive, the Sewage Sludge Directive, the Zero Pollution Action Plan and the Healthy Soil Strategy**



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 Bulgarian Association of Licensed Investment Intermediaries
 Bulgarian Association of Private Schools
 Bulgarian Association of Public Relations Agencies
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Bulgarian Association of Ship Brokers and Agents
 Bulgarian Association Sunscreen Saving Systems
 Bulgarian Book Association
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 Bulgarian Branch Chamber "Machine Building"
 Bulgarian Branch Chamber "Roads"
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 Bulgarian National Branch Chamber "Guards and Detectives"
 Bulgarian Photovoltaic Association
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 Bulgarian Posts PLC
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 Bulgarian Tourist Union
 Bulgarian Union of Balneology and SPA Tourism
 Bulgarian Water Association
 CEZ Distribution Bulgaria AD
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 La Cité Nantes Events Center
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 Samfunnsbedriftene
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AdP – Águas de Portugal, SGPS, SA
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 APL – Administração do Porto de Lisboa, SA
 APS – Administração dos Portos de Sines e do Algarve, SA
 BPF - Banco Português de Fomento, SA
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 CP – Comboios de Portugal, EPE
 EDIA – Empresa de Desenvolvimento e Infra-Estruturas do Alqueva, SA
 EEM – Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, SA
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 ERSAR – Entidade Reguladora dos Serviços de Águas e Resíduos
 GEBALIS – Gestão do Arrendamento da Habitação Municipal de Lisboa, EM, SA
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 IMPIC - Instituto dos Mercados Públicos do Imobiliário e da Construção, IP
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Electricity Incorporation)
TEİAS - Türkiye Elektrik İletim A.S. (Conduction of Turkish

Electricity Incorporation)

TEMSAN - Türkiye Elektromekanik Sanayii A.S. (Turkish
Electromechanics Industry Incorporation) -

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Directorate of Agricultural Enterprises)

TKİ - Türkiye Kömür İşletmeleri (Turkish Coal Enterprises)

TMO - Toprak Mahsulleri Ofisi (General Directorate of Soil
Crop Office)

TPAO-Türkiye Petrolleri Anonim Ortaklığı (Turkish Petroleum)

TTK - Türkiye Tas kömürü Kurumu (Turkish Coal Institution)

TÜRKSEKER - Türkiye Şeker Fabrikaları A.S. (Turkish Sugar
Factories Incorporation)

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East Midlands Councils

North East Regional Employers' Organisation

Yorkshire and Humber Employers' Association

Northern Ireland Local Government Association

Welsh Local Government Association

Transport for London

Opinions, position paper, responses to consultations and other publications

- **24 December 2021** - SGI Europe's contribution to the review of the EU economic governance
- **17 December 2021** - Final Implementation Report - Framework Agreement on Active-ageing and an Intergenerational Approach
- **10 December 2021** - Response to the consultation on the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER)
- **30 November 2021** - Position on a delegated act to the EU taxonomy on nuclear and natural gas
- **18 November 2021** - Final report of the project of the EU Social Partners "Skills, Innovation and Training"
- **10 November 2021** - Joint Open letter on the EU's Urban Mobility Framework
- **5 November 2021** - Position on the upcoming proposal for a Council Recommendation on a Just Green transition
- **14 October 2021** - Circular Economy and the World of Work - Final report of the EU Social Partners' Project
- **1 October 2021** - Feedback to the Strategic Foresight Report Resilience Dashboards
- **24 September 2021** - Position paper on the preliminary recommendations for the Technical Screening Criteria of the EU Taxonomy
- **23 September 2021** - Joint Stakeholder statement on the EU Urban Mobility Framework
- **16 September 2021** - Position on Modal Shift towards Rail Freight and Public Passenger Transport
- **15 September 2021** - Response to the second stage consultation on a possible action addressing the challenges related to working conditions
- **2 August 2021** - Revision of the Guidelines on State aid for climate, environmental protection and energy (CEEAG)
- **30 July 2021** - Opinion on Pay Transparency
- **29 July 2021** - Policy Kit - Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU
- **23 July 2021** - Position on the New EU Textile Strategy
- **20 July 2021** - Position on the Revision of the Urban Waste-Water Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC)
- **30 June 2021** - Position Paper on the Social Economy Action Plan
- **18 June 2021** - Position on the Revision of the EU Gas Market Rules
- **17 June 2021** - SGI Europe - Activity Report 2020
- **2 June 2021** - Policy Recommendation to Delegated Act on Disclosure Obligations in the Taxonomy Regulation on Article 8
- **31 May 2021** - SGI Europe - Statement on the EU Green Deal
- **25 May 2021** - Position Paper on the Revision of the Urban Mobility Package
- **10 May 2021** - SGI Europe Amendments to the Minimum Wage proposal
- **27 April 2021** - SGI Europe's position on the new EU Soil Strategy
- **22 April 2021** - Response to the public consultation - Green Paper on Ageing
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