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Pascal Bolo,
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Dear members, dear friends,

By all accounts, the year 2020 was one for the ages. Anticipated as **a year of renewal for the EU** – with a new European Commission led by Ursula von der Leyen, and Charles Michel taking over as President of the European Council, 2020 became a year marked by the **COVID-19 pandemic and our response to the challenges it highlighted**. Bringing in challenges and opportunities, the pandemic shed a **new light on the activities of employers and providers of services of general interest**, which proved their resilience and central role in the EU social economic model.

Services of General Interest have been **at the heart of the management of the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis**. Whilst triggering one of the most violent social and economic crises ever, the COVID-19 has also clearly shown **how crucial the provision of SGIs, such as healthcare, water, energy, waste management, telecommunications, education, housing and transport, is to the well-being of citizens and the economic resilience of the EU**.

Whilst being one of the biggest challenges in recent times, the pandemic also provided a **unique opportunity to change direction for the future**. Highlighting the shortcomings of our infrastructures, the COVID-19 crisis called for a **bold and radical answer**. At EU level, it translated into a revamped Multiannual Financial Framework accompanied by an ambitious recovery plan to **support Member States in building back better,**

whilst looking at new forms of social and sustainable growth for the EU. In our view, SGIs are at the heart of this new model. Providing essential services and living by the principles of affordability and accessibility, **SGIs are the cornerstones of the European socio-economic resilience**.

This dimension was at the heart of the actions of the association in 2020, which will also remain as the year when **CEEP became SGI Europe**. After 60 years of existence, this **new name provides a better alignment between our members and our objective of representing employers and providers of Services of General Interest at EU level**, and with a transversal perspective. Held on 8 December 2020, the launch event gathered around the table Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission EVP for an Economy that Works for People, MEPs Brando Benifei (S&D, Italy), Anna Cavazzini (Greens/EFA, Germany) and Eva Maydell (EPP, Bulgaria), as well as our members, friends and colleagues, both active at EU level and across Europe.

Whilst the pandemic is slowly receding and vaccination keeps progressing, **lessons from 2020 need to be drawn in order to build up the European resilience we now need**. The recovery plans should direct the conversation towards a new paradigm, based on Sustainability Growth and Innovation driven by Services of General Interest.

A renewed presidential team for SGI Europe

In 2020, the Presidential Team of SGI Europe welcomed Pascal Bolo as new President (FR) and Ingbert Liebing (DE) as Vice-President.

Mr Bolo and Mr Liebing took respectively over from Rainer Plassmann and Tom Beattie.

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,
- 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 **European social dialogue**, having a voice in the European **bipartite** – in 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 on a regular basis, on any legislative proposal **having an impact 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 public 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.

2020 in Review



A new start for the association: CEEP is now SGI Europe

In 2020, the association changed its name, bidding farewell to CEEP and welcoming SGI Europe. Launched during a high-level renaming event on 8 December 2020, SGI Europe is now better aligned with our objective of representing at EU level, and with a transversal perspective, employers and providers of Services of General Interest.

With its accompanying tagline “Employers entrusted to deliver Sustainability Growth Innovation”, it highlights our values: beyond services of general interest, SGI Europe also contributes to 3 central pillars of the EU action and of future economic development: sustainability, growth, innovation.

A story started in 1961...

In one form or another, services of general interest and public services have always been at the heart of the EU. CEEP (Centre Européen des Entreprises Publiques), was created in 1961, only three years after the creation of the European Economic Community. Organised in order to structure the contributions of public companies, our association was part of all the major steps of the EU construction.

When, in the 1950s and early 1960s, Konrad Adenauer, Jean Monnet, Robert Schuman, Walter Hallstein, Alcide de Gasperi and the Founding Fathers and Mothers of the EU set in motion their unifying project, CEEP and its leaders were on their side. When the EU started to grow with new Member States joining, our association followed a similar path, expanding and bringing in a renewed diversity. When Jacques Delors started the social and economic integration of the EU project, by setting up social dialogue at the European level, CEEP was around the table to represent employers of public services.

Whilst CEEP has been a committed partner in supporting the European construction, both our society and our economy have dramatically changed, with consequences on our membership. In its early days, CEEP was mainly composed of big national companies such as the French enterprises SNCF, EDF or GDF, Electrabel or SNCB for Belgium, or even ENEL for Italy. Nowadays, smaller structures also provide services of general interest across the EU, and are central elements of our membership.

Following this evolution, our membership has changed and evolved, with a constant focus on the services provided, regardless of the ownership or the legal structure in place. Whilst the sectors at the heart of our actions remain the same, it was high time to adopt a new name to represent ALL services of general interest at European level: SGI Europe.

A new beginning in 2020

This new identity brings a new breath of life into our movement. It will also better translate the reality of our members, and the services they are providing, to external audiences, such as EU decision-makers and potential members. It will further cement our commitment to work together with the EU institutions in order to find balanced and pragmatic solutions for the benefit of all in Europe.

As highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic, services of general interest are, more than ever, at the heart of the agenda. The crisis has significantly highlighted and impacted our services of general interest. Across the continent, SGI Europe members have been coping with various constraints whilst ensuring the continuity of the services since March 2020.

SGI staff stayed in action, with additional responsibilities in some cases to ensure the continuity of our lives and the safety of all citizens. In the face of the dramatic situation at the time, it was our duty to support the frontline workers, and our direct contribution was to deliver. Many providers of services of general interest went the extra mile to help and support others in need, and now should be the time to reflect back and prevent similar situations from repeating moving forward.

Our renaming event

On 8 December, SGI Europe held its official launch event for the new name. Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event was organised online, and featured both the launch of the new name and a policy debate on the role of services of general interest in the post-COVID world.

The event gathered around our e-table Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission Executive Vice-President for an Economy that Works for People, and MEPs Brando Benifei (S&D, Italy), Anna Cavazzini (Greens/EFA, Germany) and Eva Maydell (EPP, Bulgaria). Gathering such panellists was a clear signal about the importance of the issue, and further reinforced our calls to put services of general interest at the heart of EU policy-making and of building the future for Europe, which is about Sustainability, Growth and Innovation.

A new start for the European Union

In December 2019, a new leadership took over the EU institutions. Following the EU elections of June 2019, Ursula von der Leyen became President of the European Commission on 1 December 2019, while Charles Michel replaced Donald Tusk as President of the European Council.

A new European Commission was also brought into office, organised around President von der Leyen, 3 Executive Vice-Presidents (Valdis Dombrovskis, Frans Timmermans and Margrethe Vestager) and 5 Vice-Presidents.

Charles Michel's term as President of the European Council is running for the period from 1 December 2019 to 31 May 2022. The mandate of President von der Leyen's European Commission is for the period from 1 December 2019 to the 2024 European elections.



Activities on COVID-19

2020 will remain the year of the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic struck Europe and the world with an incomparable violence and persistence, and the extent of its consequences is still unclear. Whilst the health crisis has slowly recessed, one of the worst economic crisis faced by our economies is only starting. Beyond the figures, we are witnessing a gigantic destruction of human, economic and financial wealth.

EU citizens, despite their comfort, have discovered with amazement some of the weaknesses of their system, such as the healthcare system. Building up resilience to these risks now appears as a top priority in order to anticipate health or cybernetic risks which are our threatening our digital infrastructures.

The contribution of SGIs to mitigate the crisis

Services of general interest has been at the heart of the management of the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. Whilst triggering one of the most violent social and economic crisis ever, with social consequences further aggravated by its very nature, the COVID-19 has also clearly shown how crucial the provision of SGIs, such as healthcare, water, energy, waste management, telecommunications, education, housing and transport, is to the well-being of citizens and the economic resilience of the EU.

Whilst most SGIs have been working properly throughout the crisis, they have also been dealing with several constraints, such as international supply chains disturbances and shortages such as, amongst others, adequate protective equipment for workers, or changes in the users' habits, translating into sharp increases in usage for some services (such as domestic electricity consumption or broadband) or unprecedented drop for others (such as public transports). Those disruptions exercised strong pressure – both in nominal and real terms – on indispensable resources to keep those activities running.

Measures aimed at protecting SGIs and economic structures are needed in order to avoid total collapse and, in the near future, enable full rehabilitation and the consequent reestablishment of growth.

SGI Europe activities

Immediately following the outbreak, SGI Europe endorsed a leading role in order to raise the case for the proper integration of SGIs into the management of the crisis and the anticipation of the ensuing recovery. Our contributions to the COVID-19 crisis were articulated around 2 main axes of work:

- **Launch of an “SGI Facing COVID-19 Platform”, gathering EU sectoral SGI organisations and featuring examples and practices** from sectors such as healthcare, telecommunications, housing, public transport, social services, education, administration, energy or water, highlighting both the short-term effects of the ongoing crisis on providers of those essential services, as well as the proposals for long-term political solutions.
- **The preparation and publication of a package of 4 Opinions**, addressing the Emergency response, the EU socio-economic response, the recovery and the proposed adjusted Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027 and the Next Generation EU.

With a dual articulation bringing together the concrete contribution of SGIs to the management of the COVID-19 crisis and key political requests to better integrated SGIs in shaping the recovery, SGI Europe was able to address clear messages regarding the recovery, and the need to grasp the unique opportunity provided by the COVID-19 crisis to transform our societies.

Shaping the EU recovery

In the preparation of the EU response to the pandemic, SGI Europe, together with the EU cross-industry social partners, have been regularly consulted by EU leaders. Very early in the crisis, EU leaders indeed showed a willingness to involve SGI Europe in shaping the responses to the different phases of the crisis, providing a unique opportunity to highlight the particular circumstances in which services of general interest have been operating throughout Europe.

SGI Europe also played a key role in the preparation of joint recommendations of the EU Social Partners in view of the meeting of the European Council in April 2021, which paved the way for the swift and comprehensive EU response to the pandemic, including the recognition of the specific role played by SGIs in the process.

High-level meetings on the COVID-19 crisis:

- **18 March 2020:** meeting with European Commission Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis and Commissioner Nicolas Schmit
- **31 March 2020:** meeting with European Council President Charles Michel
- **5 May 2020:** meeting of the informal EPSCO organised by the Croatian Presidency of the EU
- **6 May 2020:** meeting with European Commission Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis and Commissioner Nicolas Schmit
- **11 June 2020:** meeting with European Commission Vice-President Margaritis Schinas and Commissioner Nicolas Schmit
- **23 June 2020:** Tripartite Social Summit with, amongst others, European Council President Charles Michel, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenković
- **7 October 2020:** meeting with European Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič
- **14 October 2020:** Tripartite Social Summit with, amongst others, European Council President Charles Michel, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and German Chancellor Angela Merkel
- **12 November 2020:** meeting European Commission Vice-President Margaritis Schinas and Commissioner Stella Kyriakides
- **16 November 2020:** meeting with European Commission Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis and Commissioner Nicolas Schmit

A comprehensive and holistic approach to the COVID-19 crisis, relying on 4 Opinions:

- Opinion “COVID-19: Contribution to Sharpening Emergency Measures”, adopted on 21 April 2021
- Opinion “COVID-19: The Design of an Efficient and Unified Economic Response” , adopted on 21 April 2021
- Opinion “COVID-19: The Path to Recovery - A Strong MFF and an Unprecedented Investment Plan” , adopted on 21 April 2021
- Opinion on the Next Generation EU, adopted on 21 July 2021

Social Affairs Board

Social Partners' Work Programme 2019-2021 and the Autonomous Framework Agreement on Digitalisation

On 6 February 2019, SGI Europe, ETUC, BusinessEurope and SMEunited signed their 6th autonomous Social Partners Work Programme. Running for the period 2019-2021, this work programme continued to be implemented throughout 2020. Supporting the objectives of the 2016 quadripartite statement on "A New Start for Social Dialogue", it aimed at strengthening social dialogue at European and national level, fostering the role and influence of national social partners in the European semester, and stepping up capacity building support to national social partners, notably through the European Social Fund. **It addresses six priorities:**

- Digitalisation
- Improving the performance of labour markets and social systems
- Skills
- Addressing psycho-social aspects and risks at work
- Capacity-building for a stronger social dialogue
- Circular economy

Following a fact-finding seminar organised on 28 February 2019 and several negotiation meetings, the European Cross-sectoral social partners concluded their negotiations on a new autonomous framework agreement on digitalisation on 11 March 2020.

The Framework agreement provides **flexibility to SGI Europe members to respond to digitalisation in complete accordance with their already existing national practices and initiatives.** The framework agreement aims to "provide an action-oriented framework to encourage, guide and assist employers, workers and their representatives in devising measures and actions aimed at reaping these opportunities and dealing with the challenges, whilst taking into account existing initiatives, practices and collective agreements".

The framework agreement **follows a toolbox approach and highlights a non-exhaustive list of different measures for social partners to consider when adapting to the phenomenon of digitalisation.** The agreement focuses on different chapters: a partnership process between employers and workers' representatives, digital skills and securing employment, modalities of connecting and disconnecting, artificial intelligence and guaranteeing the human in control principle and respect of human dignity and surveillance.

The result of this negotiation **embodies the shared commitment of the European cross-sectoral social partners to optimise the benefits and deal with the challenges of digitalisation** in the world of work and to support their members to the best of their ability in this endeavour.



The implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights

Following the entry into function of Ursula von der Leyen and her College of Commissioners in December 2019, a **renewed focus was put on the social dimension of the European project, including calls for the full implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights.** Officially proclaimed by the European Commission, the European Parliament and the European Council during the Gothenburg Social Summit in 2017, the Pillar sets out **20 key principles** which should represent the beacon guiding the EU towards a strong social Europe that is fair, inclusive and full of opportunity.

Published on 6 January 2020, the communication of the European Commission "**A strong social Europe for just transitions**" launched a **broad consultation process on the implementation of the 20 principles** of the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Whilst the COVID-19 pandemic dramatically changed the focus of action, **SGI Europe highlighted its support to fostering a resilient, sustainable and fair EU, continually aiming at upward convergence and with the European Pillar of Social Rights** as a key compass to achieve this objective. Central elements of our contribution to the discussion relied on the **added value of social dialogue, the importance of a holistic approach to address gender equality and equal opportunities, as well as the recognition of and support to SGIs as instrumental to guarantee the access to essential services for all.** SGI Europe also emphasised that the success of the implementation of the Pillar of Social Rights lies at the national, regional, and local levels, whilst the EU macroeconomic governance should further support this process.

In the context of the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, SGI Europe was involved in the **preparation of the Report of Andrea Nahles (special advisor to Commissioner Schmit) on reinforcing social dialogue**, with a view to contributing to the action plan on the pillar of social rights. The consultation took place throughout the second half of 2020, and the report was published in early 2021.

In that context, **EU social partners jointly expressed their commitment to a well-functioning European social dialogue.** Four years after the signature of the quadripartite statement on a new start for social dialogue, a joint contribution of the EU social partners taking stock of the progress made was realised. This input focuses on the role of the Commission and of Member States in further **improving the framework conditions for social dialogue at all levels, whilst recalling the founding principle that social dialogue remains the autonomous responsibility of social partners.**

On a legislative perspective, as a first proposal stemming from the ambition of building a social Europe, the European Commission presented **its proposal for a directive on adequate minimum wages** in the European Union in October 2020, **following a two-stage consultation of the EU Social Partners to which SGI Europe contributed directly.**



Public Services Board

A new paradigm for SGIs and public services

In 2020, SGI Europe put forward **a new paradigm in view of renewing our understanding of SGIs at EU level**. With a new European Commission in place, it was also a prime opportunity to **update the Acquis+ package**, which was initially finalised in 2013, as well as start a **reflection on the Acquis Communautaire of services of general interest**.

Building on the first lessons of the COVID-19 pandemic, this new paradigm relies on the inequalities encountered within and across Europe, as well as the significant role of the **measures taken to mitigate the crisis in order to shape Europe's economic and social welfare in the future, to which SGIs are central**.

In the light of those challenges and the importance of SGIs in the recovery, **SGI Europe has put forward seven theses for a new paradigm of SGIs, highlighting different approaches to a resilient Europe for all:**

- A **renewed European understanding of services of general interest**;
- A **reworked definition**;
- A **coordinated legal framework** for “temporary” SGIs;
- **SGIs driven impact assessment**;
- **Public infrastructure checked against the Alert Mechanism Report**;
- **New financing methods** for SGIs;
- A **macro-economically coordinated programme for Europe**.

Rethinking the Acquis Communautaire of SGIs

In 2013, SGI Europe published for the first time the glossary “**Acquis+**”. Building up on the basis of the changes brought in by the Treaty of Lisbon, the Acquis+ served as a **guide for the interpretation of the concept in EU law and primary and secondary legislation in the field of SGIs and SGEIs**.

The Treaty of Lisbon fundamentally reformed the framework for services of general interest. Its revision was linked to the assumption that the act of services of general interest could at this point be closed. However, and the **COVID-19 pandemic proved it clearly, the need to take account of services of general interest is now more important than ever**.

Considering societal transformations and the changes in competition policy and the internal market, SGI Europe observed that the **special and protected function of services of general interest is not always sufficiently considered at EU level**. SGI Europe therefore recommends rethinking the **acquis communautaire of services of general interest and better integrating into European legislative initiatives**. As an integral part of the ongoing changes, **we particularly call for a recognition of the Acquis+ in the following fields:**

- **Safeguarding financial resources** for SGIs to support innovation and economic growth
- **Smart Cities and data sovereignty**, where SGIs can play the role of guarantor of the EU fundamental values
- **The specific role of SGIs as employers**

The changes in the service sector affect all areas. **SGIs are strongly affected by digital and sustainable transformation processes, which can only be realised in a process involving society as a whole**.

The sustainable design of future transformation processes requires the right framework conditions and greater attention to the **acquis communautaire of services of general interest**. In line with the principle of subsidiarity, future legislative projects should include an analysis of the **acquis communautaire of services of general interest**. At the same time, **framework conditions should be created that enable and promote a social, green, and digital economy in Europe and the individual sovereignty of all EU citizens**.

Sustainability Board

The EU Green Deal

On 11 December 2019, the European Commission presented its **first landmark initiative after having taken office on 1 December: the EU Green Deal**. Welcoming the intentions to make the **EU a carbon-neutral continent by 2050**, SGI Europe and its members are contributing to achieve those objectives and call for a **balanced and sustainable strategy relying on economic, social and environmental development**. Indeed, it will be essential to take these three dimensions into account for the Green Deal to reach its objectives for 2050.

With the **EU Climate Law and Pact**, as well as the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and the Zero-Pollution Action Plan, **SGI Europe showed support to the EU climate and green ambitions**. To achieve success in the transition, it remains capital to promote more and direct **investments for sustainable technology, research, and innovation**, including elements to support the social transitions. Public services and SGIs can pave the way towards cohesion, and economic and environmental sustainability thanks to their proximity to citizens.

Finally, **digitalisation should be further recognised as an important driver in the climate transition**. The digital sector must be a part of the solution to achieve the sustainability goals of the Green Deal.

Contribution to sectoral policies:

Smart Sector Integration Strategy

SGI Europe members active in the energy sector, one of the sectors at the heart of the sustainable transition, have developed a **vision for the Smart Sector Integration Strategy**. As a general principle, there will be a need to **develop holistic concepts in which electrification, decarbonised and renewable gases as well as innovative heating/cooling, industry and transport solutions have a role to play**. No single technology or application is going to solve all our problems, but we will need to increase the cross-sectoral cooperation. Sector integration can also take different forms in Member States.

Flexibility of energy systems is key to accommodate the growing intermittency of renewables and and close the gap for all sources of energy to compete on

a level playing field. It is now essential to **have a clear commitment and strategic view at EU level on gas and the integration and use of renewable and decarbonised gases in the internal market**.

Existing gas network operators have a clear expertise that must be used for the introduction of hydrogen in present networks and for the construction and operation of hydrogen networks. This is a key element for the **introduction of an EU-wide framework for decarbonised and renewable gases** in the gas directive that can accelerate the establishment of a European market for these gases.

Sustainable Mobility Strategy

In order to decarbonise the transport sector in the long run, more actions are needed to ensure compliance, stringent, challenging targets and greater progress on aviation and shipping emissions.

Whilst Sustainable Mobility mentioned the relevance of urban public transport on numerous occasions, increased focus should be put on the right measures and incentives, and **focus on the importance of encouraging a shift to sustainable modes of transport, particularly in cities**. Urban public transport should be better recognised as an important partner in the fight against climate change/abating emissions.

One of the **consequences of the COVID-19** crisis is its environmental side effects, resulting in **fewer journeys made by private vehicles**. We must capitalise on these and **avoid solving one public health crisis and reverting to a previous one** (poor air quality, congestion and poor health).

At the same time, the COVID-19 crisis revealed the **importance of public transport and the need to increase capacities**. Public transport indeed has a key role to play in ensuring a **safe and sustainable recovery and should be at the heart of the new strategy**. SGI Europe calls for measures to help cities and urban areas to re-build confidence in public transport, such as innovative projects to ensure that the high standards of cleanliness on transport networks can be sustained.

A Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe

Adopted on 25 November 2020, the **Pharmaceutical Strategy for Europe** aims at creating a future-proof regulatory framework and at supporting industry in promoting research and technologies that actually reach patients in order to fulfil their therapeutic needs whilst addressing market failures. The proposal also intends to address the environmental sustainability dimension of the pharmaceutical industry.

For SGI providers, especially in the water sector, this issue is of prime importance, as **pharmaceutical residues pose a growing challenge to surface water and groundwater quality**. It is important to respond to the pharmaceutical challenge **with a holistic approach addressing the entire life cycle of pharmaceutical products**, from design and production to prescription and use, until waste treatment, as well as transparency regarding the information being made available publicly about the impact of pharmaceutical substances on the environment.

A new Circular Economy Action Plan

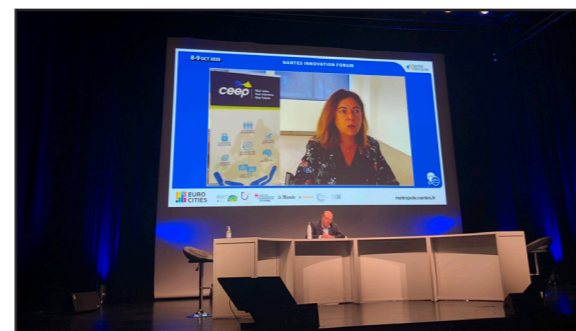
Presented by the European Commission on 11 March 2020, the **new Circular Economy Action Plan (CEAP)** was at the heart of the activities of SGI Europe Environment Task Force. The CEAP is a **key missing element of the EU architecture to achieve a more efficient and sustainable Europe**. Services of general interest are the key players in driving this new economic strategy and will pave the way of other economic actors to follow.

Both in our opinion and direct exchanges with EU institutions, SGI Europe **called for producers to implement sustainability principles in product design**, whilst supply and demand for secondary raw materials should be strengthened.

Additionally, to further enhance a sustainable circular economy, **Waste to energy must be a key part of it**, as it is needed to implement the landfill ban, as a sink for hazardous substances, as a renewable energy resource and to recover valuable secondary raw materials.

EU Digitalisation and Data Policy

Flagships of the European Commission digital strategy, the Digital Markets Act and the Digital Services Act were presented on 15 December 2021. In the lead-up, SGI Europe adopted during its General Assembly on 8 December its **Opinion on “EU Digitalisation and Data Policy”**. This opinion put forward the key messages of providers of services of general interest on the landmarks initiatives shaping a digital single market and a single market for data dealing with competition policy in the digital era, **acknowledging the heterogeneity of the public sector, ensuring digital sovereignty as well as promoting the integration with the future New Competition Tool**.



Projects

LABOUR INT 2: Expert Group on Skills and Migration

On 14 February 2020, SGI Europe hosted the first meeting of the **Expert Group on Skills and Migration (EGSM)**, and in cooperation with the International and European Forum on Migration Research (FIERI), an Italian independent research institute on migration, mobility and integration.

Lead by SGI Europe, the EGSM is an **ad-hoc working group of the LABOUR INT 2 project, which intends to identify challenges, policy drivers and working tools to enhance the capacity of project partners to implement concrete actions for skills assessment, informal validation of skills and skills matching for a faster and more effective transition of TCNs to the labour market**. The EGSM focused on the assessment of working tools such as the EU Skills Profile Tool for Third Country Nationals, an online questionnaire which aims at better recognising skills and improving skills matching adapted to the specific needs of local labour markets.

SGI Europe also organised the second meeting of the EGSM on 19 November 2020. **The experts of the EGSM also prepared reports compiling the findings: “Testing the European Skills Profile Tool for TCNs”, and “Refugee Tech in the EU”**, shining a new light on the issue of migration and the integration of migrants and refugees into the EU labour market and, ultimately, in the society.

Involving SGIs in the European Semester

SGI Europe is leading a European project named ‘Involving SGIs in the European Semester’, aiming at upgrading the current SGI Europe involvement in the European Semester, with an increased coordination between our members. As not all SGI Europe members are in position to respond in due time to the various consultations of the EU Semester, this project intends to correct this situation and actively design tools and methods of consultation to the benefit of SGI Europe members and to provide future high-quality inputs to the reform process in Europe.

On 7 September 2020, the **European Commission** – represented by Commissioners Johansson and Schmit – **and the European Social and Economic Partners** (SGI Europe, ETUC, BusinessEurope, SMEUnited and EuroChambres) **renewed their commitment to the European Partnership for Integration from 2017 with a joint statement**.

Within the joint statement and in the context of the COVID-19 crisis, SGI Europe and its partners **“recall the need for a comprehensive approach to integration that empowers all relevant stakeholders at local, national and European level, and the essential role played by public authorities.”**

New projects approved for funding by the European Commission

With the new European Commission taking office, new opportunities for EU-funded projects came to life. SGI Europe successfully applied for funding **with 2 new projects: ‘Involving SGIs in the European Semester’ and ‘Green Skills in Vocational Education and Training’**.

Activities are foreseen to start in 2021 and continue for the next 2 years.

Green Skills in VET

SGI Europe and the European Federation of Education Employers (EFEE) are jointly carrying out the European project “Green Skills in VET”, aiming at supporting EU public services and SGIs, as well as vocational education and training (VET) providers to build a skilled workforce for materialising the green transition. SGI Europe and EFEE will combine their respective expertise as SGI providers and education providers for undertaking research into current and future skills and training needs of employers. The focus will be put on 3 key public services and SGIs to be affected by the development of the resource efficient and green economy: water, transport, and energy.

Social Affairs Board



Social Affairs Board

- **Chair:** Jeanette GRENFORS (SE)
- **Vice-chairs:** Michael DE GOLS (BE), Elvira GENTILE (IT), Urban SIEBERTS (DE)
- **General Rapporteur:** Dag HAKANSSON (SE)

Policy Priorities

- Follow-up of the activities highlighted in the **EU Social Partners' Work Programme 2019-21**, with a particular focus on the negotiation of a new **autonomous framework agreement on digitalisation**, which includes the challenges of public services and SGIs employers and providers
- Follow-up of the first important proposals of the European Commission in the field of social affairs, including the communication **"A Strong Social Europe for Just Transitions"** and the **implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights** (important focus on the proposal for a **Directive on minimum wage**)
- Contribution to the **response and inputs of SGI Europe to the COVID-19 pandemic**, and the impact of the crisis on employers of services of general interest

Main Activities

- **Board meetings:** 4 February, 16 June, 28 September
- **Extraordinary board meetings on the proposal on minimum wages:** 6 November, 11 December
- Preparation of the **SGI Europe response to the**

Active Members (in the board and the related Task Forces)

- **Arbetsgiveralliansen**
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- **CONFSEVIZI**
- **Danish Regions**
- **Deutscher Städtetag**

COVID-19 pandemic, including the preparation of the package of opinions "SGI providers and employers facing the COVID-19 outbreak" (Contribution to sharpening emergency measures, The design of an efficient and unified economic response, The path to recovery: A strong MFF and an unprecedented investment plan) and inputs on the instrument for temporary Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE)

- **Conclusion of the autonomous framework agreement of the social partners on Digitalisation**
- Responses to the **2 stages of consultations of the social partners on the proposal on minimum wages**
- **Implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights** and the "A Strong Social Europe for Just Transition" communication
- Consultations with the EU institutions on skills, including the signature of the **Osnabruck Declaration on VET**
- Preparation of SGI Europe speaking role at the **Tripartite Social Summit**, the **Informal EPSCO** and other high-level events
- **Coordination of SGI Europe presence in EU executive agencies**, such as the European Labour Authority and Eurofound

- **DSTGB** - Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund
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- **EDF** - Electricité de France
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- **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
- **IEFP** - Instituto do Emprego e Formação Profissional, IP
- **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
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- **SBE** - Federation of Industries of Greece
- **SGI Europe - Portugal**
- **SGI Europe - UK**
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- **Stadt Wien**
- **Stadtwerke Frankfurt am Main Holding GmbH**
- **Stadtwerke Köln**
- **TdL** - Tarifgemeinschaft deutscher Länder
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- **WIBERA** - Wirtschaftsberatung AG
- **Wiener KAV** - Wiener Krankenanstaltenverbund

Social Affairs Board

Macro-Economics Task Force

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

Policy Priorities

- The **EU macroeconomic response to the COVID-19 pandemic:** a revamped Multiannual Financial Framework and the Next Generation EU”
- Work with the social partners on the paper **“Supplementing GDP as welfare measure: proposed joint list by the European Social Partners - What could an alternative set of indicators look like to measure economic, social, and environmental progress?”**
- Coordination of the activities of SGI Europe within the **European Semester**, and in particular the contribution of social partners to a revamped European semester **in the context of the recovery and resilience facility**

Main activities

- Coordination of the preparation of the joint paper of the social partners **“Beyond GDP”**
- Preparation of **SGI Europe inputs to the Macroeconomic Dialogue** – at technical level (21 February) and at political level (3 November 2020)
- Contribution to the **activities on the COVID-19 response**, particularly leading the preparation of the Opinion on the Next Generation EU

Social Protection Task Force

- **Chair:** Klaus STÜRMER (DE)

Policy Priorities

- **Impact of COVID-19 on social protection and pension systems** across the EU
- Contribution to the priority of the **European Pillar of Social Rights on access to social protection**
- Contribution to the transversal discussion with EU Commission and Parliament on the **impact of ageing on the European society**
- Contribution to the **consultations of social partners by the Social Protection Committee (SPC) of the EPSCO Council**

Main activities

- Contribution to the **Green Paper on Ageing of the European Commission**, putting an emphasis on key issues related to ageing and contribute to the discussion on possible ways to anticipate and respond to the socioeconomic impacts of Europe’s ageing population. Written contribution to the Roadmap on the green paper on ageing.
- Drafting of the **comments of the employers on the joint long-term care report 2020** of the SPC and the European Commission
- Employers **comments on 2021 Social Protection Committee Pension Adequacy Report**
- Raise awareness on the social partners contribution to the report of the **High-level group on pensions, in particular on the added value of jointly managed IORPS**

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

- **Update of the Acquis+** (“SGI For Everyone” and glossary), as well as reflexion on the **place of SGIs in the EU acquis Communautaire**
- Follow-up of the activities in the new strand of work of the European Commission ‘**A Europe Fit for the Digital Age**’
- Reflexion on the **need for a new paradigm for SGIs**
- **Review of the EU competition rules**, including state aid, public procurement and concessions
- The place of SGIs in the **EU Cohesion Policy**
- **Entering the SME Strategy**, and position SGI Europe and local public services enterprises (LPSEs) as key actors, as well as the review of the EU SME Definition

Main activities

- **Board meetings:** 27 May 2020, 10 November 2020
- Preparation of the opinions “**EU Digitalisation and Data Policy**”, “**Rethinking the SME Definition**”, “**A new paradigm: Towards a renewed understanding of SGIs**”, “**Rethinking the Acquis Communautaire of SGIs: Beyond the Acquis+ Glossary**”

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- **EFEE** - European Federation of Education Employers
- **ELIGE** - Red de Empresas Locales de Interés General

- First in-depth review and **update of the Acquis+**, initially prepared in 2013
- **Activities around the EU cohesion policy**, including exchanges of views with members of the cabinet of Commissioner Elisa Ferreira, in charge of Cohesion and Reforms
- Preparation of the **new edition of the ‘Panorama des EPLs’**, together with the French section of SGI Europe
- Contribution to the activities on COVID-19, with a focus on the **flexibility measures in the state aid framework**
- Response to the Commission’s **long-term vision for rural areas**
- Response to the **Public Consultation to the amending Regulation (EU) no 651/2014 (GBER)**
- Response to the **Public Consultation to the Digital Services Act**
- Response to the **Roadmap Consultation to the New Competition tool**

- **EMASESA** - Empresa Metropolitana de Abastecimiento y Saneamiento de Aguas de Sevilla S.A.
- **Employers of Poland**
- **ENAC**
- **Erfverband**
- **FAD** - The State Employers’ Organisation
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- **Nantes Métropole Aménagement**
- **NARE** - National Association of Regional Employers
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- **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
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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

- **“Understanding the EU Green Deal and the EU Sustainable Finance Framework”:** guest speakers Mr Markus Schulte, Principal Adviser at DG ECFIN on the Commission’s objectives and future plans on the Sustainable Europe Investment Plan (SEIP) and the Just Transition Mechanism, and Mr Lucas Lenchant, Policy Advisor, and Ms Nancy Saich, Chief Climate Advisor (EIB), on the EIB institutional structure and activities on the SEIP and the Just Transition Fund.
 - **“Investment - Inclusion - Resilience: SGIs as a Pillar for a Sustainable Future in a post COVID-19 era”:** guest speakers Pierre Larrourou, MEP (S&D, France) and Rapporteur of the 2021 EU Budget, addressing the tools to support the green recovery fund and the Next Generation EU, and Laurent Bontoux, member of the cabinet of European Commission Vice-President Maroš Šefčovič, senior Policy Analyst for the Foresight Report, on the challenges and opportunities for building a Resilient Europe
- **Opinion on the EU Green Deal** and the role of SGIs in its implementation
 - **Response to the roadmap and public consultation on the EU Climate Law**
 - Joint activities with the Social Affairs Board on the **Just Transition Fund**
 - Contributions to the activities on the **impacts of COVID-19 on SGIs**
 - Regular updates and monitoring on all the initiatives related to the EU Green Deal (**Circular Economy Action Plan, Emission Trading Scheme, Just Transition Fund, Climate Law, Sustainable Finance**)
 - Response and various activities on the definition of the **High-Value Datasets (HVD)**, as a part of the SGI Europe activities **on the PSI/Open Data Directive**
 - **Exchanges and meeting with Maroš Šefčovič**, European Commission Vice President for Interinstitutional Relation and Foresight, with the EU Social Partners to discuss the **Commission Work Programme 2021**, the upcoming **Better Regulation Communication** and the **Strategic Foresight Report**, and more specifically how to create a bigger value for more resilience across EU policies

Main activities

- **Meetings of the Sustainability Board:** 18 February, 13 October 2020

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- **AquaFlanders**
- **ARGE** Österreichischer Abfall-Wirtschaftsverbände
- **ASFinAG** - Autobahnen- und SchnellstraßenFinanzierungs- Aktiengesellschaft
- **ATM** - Azienda Trasporti Milanese SpA
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- **Wiener Stadtwerke**
- **Wuppertaler Stadtwerke**

Sustainability Board

Communications Task Force

- **Chair:** Martiine ALLAIE (FR)
- **Vice-chair:** Wouter GEKIERE (EBU)

Policy Priorities

- Active input on the **Digital Service Act**, and the shift from a market-focused to a citizen-focused approach in digital policymaking
- Monitoring closely the **Digital Taxation programme**
- Policies that support the everyday use of **green energy easily through digitalisation**
- Follow subjects on **Innovation, R&D and investments in new technologies**
- Greater EU collaboration for **IoT and 5G** developments

Main activities

- Coordination of SGI Europe contributions on cross-sectoral topics related to the digital dimension:
 - **Digital Single Market (DSA):** coordination of the preparation of the response to the Impact assessments Roadmap and the public consultation (08/09)
 - Contribution to the response to the public consultation on the **New Competition Tool**
- Contribution to the **response to the COVID-19 pandemic**, with a focus on the activities of telecommunications and public service media

Energy Task Force

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

Policy Priorities

- Active input on the **Strategy for Smart Sector Integration**
- Regular work on the **Future of Gas**, with an all-inclusive approach to develop a sustainable electricity and gas market
- Follow-up the work on the **Revision of the EU Emissions Trading System**
- Active input on the revision of the **Energy Efficiency and Renewable Directives**
- Monitor the proposal for a **revision of the Energy Taxation Directive**
- Monitoring subjects related to **Energy Poverty**
- Contribute to the Sustainability Board activities on the **EU Green Deal**

Main activities

- **TF Meetings:** 23 January, 28 May, 4 November
- **Exchanges of views with wtiH DG ENER of energy policy, the Energy Union and external policy** - Mr Stefan Moser, Head of Unit for Energy Efficiency in Building and Products at the European Commission's Directorate General for Energy and Anna Katharina Weidenbach, Policy Officer at DG ENER responsible for the coordination
- **Online Meeting with Kitty Nyitraion**, member of the cabinet of Commissioner Kadri Simson, on Sector Integration
- **Webinar on Smart Sector Integration with MEP Maria Spyraiki (EPP, Greece) and Antonio Lopez-Nicolas**, Deputy Head of Unit Renewables and CCS Policy at DG ENER
- Preparation of **SGI Europe Position paper on Gas**
- Inputs to the **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism Public Consultation Roadmap, the Energy Taxation Revision Roadmap, the Roadmap on Renovation Wave, the Smart Sector Integration Strategy**
- Responses to the public consultation on **Alternative Fuel Directive** and **TEN-E**

Environment Task Force

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

Policy Priorities

- Active input on the **8th Environmental Action Plan Programme**
- Active input on the **second Circular Economy Plan**
- **Follow-up on Climate Law**, particularly on the development on **Clean Air legislation**
- Continue the active work on a **sustainable waste management**
- Contributing to the **Zero-Pollution Action Plan** and the **Pharmaceuticals Strategy**
- Contribute to the Sustainability Board activities on the **EU Green Deal**

Main activities

- **TF Meetings:** 17 March, 25 June, 17 November
- Opinion on the **new Circular Economy Action Plan**
- **Amendments to the draft report on the New Circular Economy Action Plan** prepared by MEP Jan Huiteman, rapporteur (Renew, NL)
- Contribution to the Impact Assessment on the evaluation on the **Sewage Sludge Directive**
- Contribution to the impact assessment on the **revision of the Urban Waste-Water Treatment Directive**
- **Active contact with the European Commission's Directorate General for Environment (DG ENV)**, including exchanges with Mattia Pellegrini, Head of Unit Waste Management, Olivier de Clercq, Policy Officer for Waste Management, and Caroline Attard, Policy Officer

Transport Task Force

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

Policy Priorities

- Active Input on the **Strategy for Sustainable Smart mobility**
- Active work on the **recognition of the difference between urban and long-distance traffic**
- Active work on **Mobility as a service (MaaS)**, open-data and ticketing
- Innovative solutions for **multi-modal transport** systems
- Contribution to the digital agenda, with a focus on **cooperative, connected and automated mobility**
- **Sustainable transport** as a safe and affordable strategy for sustainable and smart mobility
- Transposition of the **Open Data and PSI Directive**
- Contribution to the **EU Green Deal and the extension of the Emissions Trading System** and global emission reduction in the transport sector
- Contribution to the **response to the COVID-19**

Main activities

- **TF Meetings:** 27 March, 25 May, 9 October
- Response to the consultations on the **Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy, Alternative Fuel Directive**
- **Exchange of views with DG MOVE** - Claire Depre, Head of Unit for Sustainable Mobility, Maurizio Castelletti, Head of Unit Single European Rail Area, & Kasia Szyszko, Project Manager, on the new **Mobility Strategy and the European Year of Rail 2021**
- **Exchange of views with Killian Gross**, Head of unit digitalized industry, DG CNECT, on **Smart mobility**
- **Joint letter** with Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER), International Association of Public Transport (UITP) and Eurocities on **"Public Transport during and after COVID-19"**
- **Meeting with Matthew Baldwin**, Deputy Director-General for Mobility and Transport at DG MOVE, on the joint letter to support public transportation in Europe during and after COVID-19
- **Preparation for the Year of Rail 2021**, including exchanges with MEP Anna Deparnay-Grundenberg (Greens, DE), rapporteur, and shadow rapporteurs, Ismail Ertug (S&D, DE) and Barbara Thaler (EPP, AU)

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Water Task Force

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

Policy Priorities

- Active collaboration on **Circular Economy Package on Water Issues**
- Protection of **high quality and clean water supply** in the context of **farming and pharmacy policies**
- Coordinate the policy work on **Biodiversity 2030**, in link with the Water Framework Directive
- Active work on the **Zero-Pollution Action Plan**
- Support a sufficient **water action plan for chemicals in water supply** and creating a strong link to the Urban Water Waste Treatment Directive
- **Enhance climate adaptation plans** and follow up closely the new renewable energy plans
- Contribute to the Sustainability Board activities on **the EU Green Deal**

Main activities

- **TF Meetings:** 17 March, 25 June, 17 November
- Preparation and dissemination of SGI Europe **amendments to the resolution of the European Parliament on Pharmaceuticals in the Environment (PiE)**
- Input to the consultation on the **Sewage Sludge Directive**
- Roadmap input to the **Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD)**
- Response to the impact assessment and the public consultation on the **Pharmaceutical Strategy**
- Preparation of the **Position paper on the Pharmaceutical Strategy**
- **Exchanges of views with** Elisa Vargas Amelin, Policy Officer responsible for the Water Framework Directive (WFD) at DG ENV, on the WFD and on the Drinking Water Directive (DWD) and with Dr Bernd Gawlik, PhD and Chemical Engineer for Sustainable Water and Marine Resources at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- **Meeting with Nele Rosenstock, Policy Officer at DG ENV, on the UWWTD**



Annexes

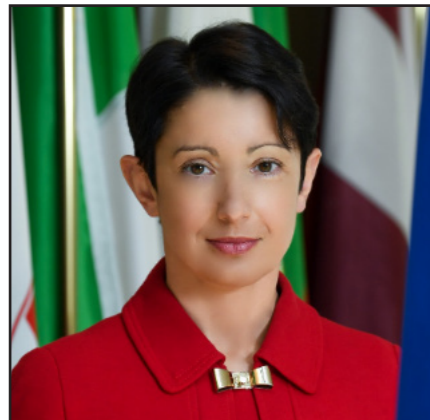
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UNISOC - Union des Entreprises à Profit Social
UVW - Unie van Waterschappen
VEWIN - Vereniging van Exploitanten van Waterleidingbedrijven In Nederland
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Bulgarian Airlines Association
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Bulgarian Association of Electrical Engineering and Electronics
Bulgarian Association of Information Technologies
Bulgarian Association of Insurance Brokers
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Bulgarian Association of Public Relations Agencies
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Bulgarian Book Association
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Bulgarian Branch Chamber "Machine Building"

Bulgarian Branch Chamber "Roads"
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Bulgarian Photovoltaic Association
Bulgarian Postal Union
Bulgarian Posts PLC
Bulgarian Telecommunication Company (VIVACOM)
Bulgarian Water Association
CEZ Distribution Bulgaria AD
Chamber of Creators of Green transport in Bulgaria
Chamber of the Professional Valuers
Federation of the Scientific Engineering Unions in Bulgaria
Foundation "Center for Safety and Health at Work"
Free Energy Market Association
Holding Bulgarian State Railways EAD
Hydroenergy Association
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National Association of Traders and Fuel Carriers
National Association of Traders and Transporters of Fuels
National Board of Tourism
National Union of Water Users
Road Safety Bulgarian Branch Association
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France

Caisse des dépôts et consignations
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Germany

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 Poste Italiane

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Samfunnsbedriftene
 KS - Association of Local and Regional Authorities
 SPEKTER - Employers' Association
 KMD - Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation

Poland

Employers of Poland

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AdP - Águas de Portugal, SGPS, SA
 Águas de Gaia GAIA, EM, SA
 APA - Administração do Porto de Aveiro, SA
 APL - Administração do Porto de Lisboa, SA
 APS - Administração dos Portos de Sines e do Algarve, SA
 Baía do Tejo, SA
 BPF - Banco Português de Fomento, SA
 CARRIS - Companhia Carris de Ferro de Lisboa, EM, SA
 CP - Comboios de Portugal, EPE
 EDIA - Empresa de Desenvolvimento e Infra-Estruturas do Alqueva, SA
 EEM - Empresa de Electricidade da Madeira, SA
 EMEL - Empresa Municipal de Mobilidade e Estacionamento de Lisboa, EM, SA
 EPAL - Empresa Portuguesa das Águas Livres, SA
 ERSAR - Entidade Reguladora dos Serviços de Águas e Resíduos
 IEFPP - Instituto do Emprego e Formação Profissional, IP
 IMPIC - Instituto dos Mercados Públicos do Imobiliário e da Construção, IP
 IP - Infraestruturas de Portugal, SA
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 FNMT - Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre, S.A.
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 REE - Red Eléctrica de España, S.A.
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 ESK-Et ve Süt Kurumu Genel Müdürlüğü (General Directorate of Meat and Milk Enterprises)
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 EÜAS - Elektrik Üretim A.S. (Electricity Manufacturing Incorporation)
 KIAS - Kömür İşletmeleri A.S. (Coal Enterprises Incorporation)
 MKEK - Makine ve Kimya Endüstrisi Kurumu (Mechanical & Chemical Industry Institution)

PTT - Posta ve Telgraf Teskilatı Genel Müdürlüğü (General Directorate of Post and Telegraph Organization)

TCDD - Türkiye Cumhuriyeti Devlet Demiryolları (Turkish Republic State Railways)

TEDAS - Türkiye Elektrik Dağıtım A.S. (Distribution of Turkish Electricity Incorporation)

TEIAS - Türkiye Elektrik İletim A.S. (Conduction of Turkish Electricity Incorporation)

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

TIGEM - Tarım İşletmeleri Genel Müdürlüğü (General 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

Opinions

- Opinion on the EU Green Deal - Working Together on a Fair and Sustainable Path
- Opinion "COVID-19: Contribution to Sharpening Emergency Measures"
- Opinion "COVID-19: The Design of an Efficient and Unified Economic Response"
- Opinion "COVID-19: The Path to Recovery - A Strong MFF and an Unprecedented Investment Plan"
- Opinion on the Next Generation EU
- Opinion EU Digitalisation and Data Policy
- Opinion "Rethinking the SME Definition"
- Opinion "A new paradigm: Towards a renewed understanding of SGIs"
- Opinion "Rethinking the Acquis Communautaire of SGIs: Beyond the Acquis+ Glossary"
- Opinion on the Circular Economy Action Plan

Response to consultations

- Response to the Roadmap Post-2020 EU Disability Strategy
- Response to the Public Consultation on the Action Plan for EU Pillar of Social Rights
- Response to the Roadmap: Green Paper on Ageing
- Response to the open consultation on the Minimum Wage Directive proposal
- Response to the roadmap and public consultation on the EU Climate Law
- Input to the EU classification system for Green investments (Taxonomy Regulation)
- Inputs to the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism Public Consultation Roadmap,
- Input to the Energy Taxation Revision Roadmap
- Input to the Roadmap on Renovation Wave
- Input to the Smart Sector Integration Strategy
- Response to the public consultation on Alternative Fuel Directive
- Response to the public consultation on TEN-E
- Contribution to the Impact Assessment on the evaluation on the Sewage Sludge Directive
- Response to the consultation on the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy
- Roadmap input to the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive (UWWTD)
- Response to the impact assessment and the public consultation on the Pharmaceutical Strategy

Notes, comments and statements

- Comments on the Update of the Skills Agenda for Europe (joint with EFEE)

Joint statements

- European Social Partners Framework Agreement on Digitalisation
- European Social Partners joint statement on childcare provisions in the EU
- Social Partners' Input ahead of the video conference of the members of the European Council on 23 April 2020
- Joint letter with Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER), International Association of Public Transport (UITP) and Eurocities on "Public Transport during and after COVID-19"

Publications and policy kits

- Activity Report 2019
- Policy Kit - Croatian Presidency
- Policy Kit - German Presidency
- The Acquis Communautaire of SGIs: Introduction to SGIs and public services in Europe
- Update Acquis+ Glossary

Press releases

- **8 December:** A new start for Services of General Interest in Europe: CEEP Becomes SGI Europe
- **8 December:** Pascal Bolo elected President of SGI Europe
- **2 December:** Joint letter with CER, UITP and Eurocities: Public transport during and after COVID-19
- **30 November:** CEEP signs the Osnabrück Declaration on Vocational Education and Training
- **18 November:** EU Social Partners urge Member States to endorse the agreement found on the Recovery fund and the long-term budget
- **3 November:** CEEP Addresses the priorities for the recovery at the Macroeconomic Dialogue
- **28 October:** CEEP on the Minimum Wages proposal: "Social Dialogue is always the best way to address issues impacting employers and workers"
- **14 October:** CEEP President Rainer Plassmann addresses the investment needs of SGIs at the Tripartite Social Summit
- **16 September:** CEEP comments on the State of the EU address of Commission President von der Leyen
- **8 September:** Renewal of the EU Partnership for integration by the EU social and economic partners and the European Commission
- **21 July:** MFF & Next Generation EU: Good for the short-term, Work to be done on the long-term
- **17 July:** CEEP at the Informal EPSCO organised by the German Presidency of the Council of the EU
- **1 July:** CEEP welcomes the focus of the new Skills Agenda and youth employment packages on sustainable competitiveness, social fairness and resilience
- **23 June:** CEEP President Plassmann and General Secretary Ronzitti at the Tripartite Social Summit
- **22 June:** EU Social Partners reach agreement on Digitalisation
- **8 June:** CEEP comments on the upcoming Action Plan on the Pillar of Social Rights
- **24 May:** CEEP comments on the EU recovery plan proposed by the European Commission
- **11 May:** Public services and SGIs on the frontline against COVID-19: CEEP contribution to the magazine "Our World - Struck by the pandemic"
- **5 May:** CEEP addresses the impacts of COVID-19 on demographic change and labour markets at the informal EPSCO
- **15 April:** "Coordination between Member States is central when lifting containment measures", says CEEP
- **27 March:** Launch of the EU Platform "Services of General Interest facing COVID-19"
- **26 March:** CEEP message to the European Council: EU welfare systems and the social market economy must be preserved, whatever it takes
- **25 March:** Statement of the EU Social Partners to the European Council on the COVID-19 emergency
- **13 March:** CEEP reacts to the European Commission's response to counter the economic impact of COVID-19
- **10 March:** CEEP comments on the role of public services and SGIs in the EU industrial future
- **5 March:** CEEP comments on the EU Gender Equality strategy 2020-2025
- **4 March:** CEEP reacts to the publication of the EU Climate Law by the European Commission
- **5 February:** CEEP comments on the launch of the consultation on the review of the EU economic governance
- **22 January:** The Conference on the Future of Europe needs the genuine involvement of social partners to be meaningful
- **14 January:** Transitions and Social Europe: SGIs are key to success

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