# GENERAL NEWS

**A new Commission and an action plan for Social Economy in the EU**

The new Commission took office on Sunday 1st December and we are delighted to learn that the new Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, Nicolas Schmit, will propose an Action Plan for Social Economy. [More information](#).

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**New EPSCO Council Conclusions on the economy of wellbeing**

For the first time, the EPSCO Council recognized the importance of the Economy of Wellbeing in its [Conclusions](#)! You can [read here](#) what we think about this and what should be done next!
ENSIE participated to the GECES meeting in October
ENSIE participated at the end of October to the GECES meeting in Brussels, a good opportunity to be updated on the latest and the future of EU policies regarding Social Economy and Social Enterprises and to meet stakeholders from the sector and Member States representatives. If you want to read our take on the discussions, it is here!

Hearings of Commissioners-designated in front of the European Parliament
In October, the Commissioners-designated had their hearings in front of the European Parliament. It was an opportunity for ENSIE to evaluate the place of Social Economy in the future Commission programme. Read our take on these hearings here.

Social Business Initiative follow-up report
ENSIE, among other organisations participated to the Social Business Initiative report follow-up. This report aimed to propose recommendations to improve the cooperation between Social enterprises and traditional enterprises throughout the EU. We welcome this report as it is a first step towards a new legislation more favorable to WISEs. Our take on the report is here!

New tool to help entrepreneurs to be more social
The European Commission, along with the OECD developed a tool to help entrepreneurs to evaluate how social and inclusive their entrepreneurship ecosystems are. Beyond the evaluation, this tool also allows to access good practices and guides in order to improve the ecosystems. More information

A new EaSI fund has been launched
The European Commission launched a new fund to boost the lending capacity of microfinance institutions and social enterprises lenders. If you want more information, it is here!

# ENSIE NEWS

ENSIE General Assembly Meeting

Last May, ENSIE organised its General Assembly Meeting (GAM), in Bucharest, Romania. It was an opportunity to discuss the future of our network and our proposals for the next European Parliament term. It was also an opportunity to discover the Social Economy sector in Romania and to participate to the ACTIV! Conference. You’ll find a summary of this event here.

Projects Mutual Learning Seminar
From October 21st to 23rd, ENSIE organised in Zagreb, Croatia a Project Learning seminar. The goal was for participants to exchange on their experiences in European projects and to leave the event with new ideas and potential partners for their future projects. This session was a success and numerous ideas were put forward by the participants/ We just need to find a way to implement them! More information

“Social enterprises promoting employment” conference in Finland

At the end of August, ENSIE was in Finland to participate to a debate on network creation. Indeed, there is no Social Enterprises network in Finland and the Finnish presidency of the EU would be a great opportunity to create such thing. ENSIE is ready to bring its help to the creation of such a network, based on its experience in other Member States. More information

ENSIE participated to the Evaluation of SGEI rules
ENSIE participated to the European Commission consultation on the evaluation of the Service of General Economic Interest rules. You’ll find here our point of view on this legislation as well as our proposals for improvement.

# MEMBERS NEWS

## France - Reform of the Integration through economic activity

After long months of discussions and a strong implication of our members COORACE, la Fédération des entreprises d'insertion and Chantier Ecole, a report on the Pacte d’Ambition for the Integration through economic activity sector has been submitted to the French government. This report is a huge step forward for the sector as it is accompanied by a strong increase of credits! We nevertheless need to stay mobilized as some measures still need to be implemented in the legislation in the next few years. More information

## Romania – A project to develop new Social Enterprises

One member of RISE Romania, the Alături de Voi Romania Foundation, recently launched a project that is going to be central for the development of Social enterprises in Romania. This project, in the framework of the European Social Fund aims to support the creation of new social enterprises after a business plan competition. It aims also to make proposals
and to start organizing the national ecosystem for Social enterprises in Romania. More information

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**Serbia - Draft Law on Social Enterpreneurship to Authorities**

Our member IDC, member of the Coalition for Development of Solidarity Economy, submitted a draft law to the government in order to help the sector to develop. Until now there are no legal framework for WISEs and it is a barrier for their development. Hopefully, the government will accept this proposal and start the discussions around a future law.

More information

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**Moldova - National Conference on Social Enterpreneurship**

Our member Eco-Razeni participated, along ENSIE, on the 27th September, to the fifth edition of the National Conference on Social Entrepreneurship in Moldova. It was a great opportunity to present the results of our Impact WISEs study and to exchange on the opportunities to create a network of Work Integration Social Enterprises in Moldova.

More information

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**Italy - A new type of social enterprise**

During the last few years, our member Consorzio Sociale Abele Lavoro has been working for the recognition in Italy of a new kind of enterprise, "learning enterprise". Inspired by foreign legislations and the needs expressed on the ground, this new type of enterprise would be ideal for disadvantaged people. The proposal was adopted by civil society and now need to be presented to the government. More information.
Spain - Social enterprises day
Our member FAEDEI organised a Social enterprises day in Spain on the 5th of November. The goal of this day was to show the impact of those enterprises in order to reach the SDGs, to put forward their socio-economic impact and more broadly to sensitize the general public and the traditional enterprises to WISEs.
More information

France – A more inclusive Corporate social responsibility reference system
Our French Member, the Fédération des entreprises d’insertion and AFNOR, recently proposed an inclusive Corporate Social Responsibility (iCSR). The purpose of this label is to certify the level of maturity of inclusive companies in terms of CSR by integrating the specificities of their mission to include vulnerable people, to question their social responsibility and to identify ways to improve their operations and practices.
More information

# PROJECT NEWS

27th September and 16th October
BSI meetings in Romania and Hungary

In the framework of the Buying for Social Impact (BSI) project, ENSIE participated to the organisation of two conferences. The first one on the 27th September in Bucharest (Romania), with RISE Romania and the other on the 16th October in Budapest (Hungary) with Galileo Progetti. The objective of BSI project is to develop national studies on how the new directive on Public procurement has been implemented at the national level and to
map the enterprises from social economy capacities to access markets. The project met for its final Conference on the 18th November in Brussels, we'll talk more about it in our next newsletter.

For more info!

# AGENDA

TO DO IN JANUARY

13-14 January : Meeting of the Advisory Group of the European Corps Resource Centre in Vienna (Austria)

15 January: DIGI < ES on Digitalization and Social Enterprises, Namur (Belgium)

20-21 January: 8th INNO-WISEs project team meeting and Steering Committee in Poznan (Poland)

TO DO IN MAY

5 May: Social Platform General Assembly Meeting

14-15 May: ENSIE General Assembly Meeting in Zagreb (Croatia)

TO DO IN JUNE

17 June: INNO-WISEs project final Conference in Milano (Italy)

TO DO IN OCTOBER

14-15 October: ENSIE Board of Directors

TO DO IN NOVEMBER

26-27 November : European Social Economy Summit in Mannheim (Germany)
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ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND WITH A STRONG PEDAGOGICAL
DIMENSION? YOUR SOCIAL OBJECTIVE IS THE WORK AND
SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP? JOIN US AND
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