



## Three questions To shape together the [European CSO Network](#) ©

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**Your Name and Organisation:**

### 1. **For more workable and effective EU Sustainability Regulations.**

*“The whole new regulatory environment has come to a level where focus should now shift to implementation, to regulatory stability and refinement and to working together”*

Michael Anseeuw, CEO of BNP Paribas Fortis - European Sustainable Industry Summit, 25 June 2024

A major challenge for CSOs is how to deal with the consequences of the ESG related EU regulations, in terms of governance and transparency, management, due diligence or production. Answering the following question will help organise an open communication between CSOs and the new European Commission 2024-2029. This will allow you to provide insights into the challenges your companies face on the ground, and thereby help ensure sustainability policies, regulations and accompanying measures become more workable and effective.

**QUESTION 1. Within the EU's sustainability regulations, which ones present the most significant challenges or difficulties your business may face in complying with the regulations? Indicate also those with the greatest potential to drive business innovation and value creation?**

*Please add your answer here...*

### 2. **Enhance Social Equity, accelerating the business case on Just Transition**

*“Economic competitiveness, and environmental sustainability, will not deliver if at the same time business and EU leaders do not invest and collaborate towards more social equity”*

Titta-Rosvall Puplett, CSO of Syensqo - European Sustainable Industry Summit, 25 June 2024

During the kick-off meeting, participants raised the following challenges: how to translate the social aspects (S) of ESG into a sound business case, both on their own and in connection with climate and environmental initiatives; how to consolidate the business case for tackling the systemic risk of inequalities, how to accelerate the pace of Just Transition at local or regional level: towards employees, SMEs, communities, households or the regional economies in which we operate?

**QUESTION 2. With the view to enhance social equity and focusing on the impact of your business on inequalities and just transition, which issues related to workforce, supply chain, customers, or communities\* would you prioritize for action, investment and/or collaboration?** \*See European ESRS and CSR Europe Business Roadmap on Just Transition <https://www.csreurope.org/download-european-business-roadmap-for-just-transition>

Please add your answer here...

### **3. A space for exchange on the evolving role of CSOs**

Participants on 25 July also expressed the need to use the CSO Network as a space for exchange between CSOs on their role, the challenges they face, and on how to engage better with their teams and other parts of the company. *“It would be good to hear about case studies, examples and experiences from colleagues on their cross-functional efforts”.*

**QUESTION 3. To translate ESG issues and EU regulations into actionable business strategies, which are the other functions which you do work well with or with whom you wish to collaborate more with (e.g. Board, Finance, HR, Purchase, Production, Tax, Marketing, ...)?**

Please add your answer here...