Join us in our campaign to continue the Parliament's social economy intergroup!

Brussels,

Dear Member of Parliament,

On behalf of the signatories, supporting the development of the social economy and social services sector in the European Union, we would like to ask your support for continuing the Social Economy Intergroup in the European Parliament.

Created in 1990, permanently for 24 years, the Social Economy Intergroup of the European Parliament has an impressive track record as a platform and facilitator of the inter-parliamentary dialogue and as a link between the social economy and social services sector and Members of the European Parliament. With nealy 50 MEPs and 30 sector organisations, the Social Economy Intergroup offers important networking opportunities and an invaluable source of information about the social economy and services sector in the European Union.

The rationale behind the Social Economy Intergroup is rooted in the diversity of the social economy which covers a variety of key policy areas in the European Union. Over the last decades, the European Parliament has recognised the importance of the social economy entreprises and services at European level through the establishment of the Social Economy Intergroup.

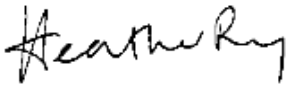
Social economy represents 2 million enterprises and service providers (i.e. 10% of all European businesses) and employ over 14 million paid employees (the equivalent of 6,5% of the working population of the EU). Their contribution to finding sustainable and innovative solutions in a wide range of areas such as employment and entrepreneurship, long-term care and support, inclusive education, health, environment and energy efficiency and active citizenship and anti-discrimination is fundamental. It is precisely for its positive impact on the society, the environment and local communities that social economy has been recognised by EU Institutions as a key actor in implementing the Europe 2020 Strategy.

The recent renewal of the European Parliament is an opportunity to put in place actions tapping into the potential of social economy to counter important societal challenges. In this respect, the Members of the European Parliament have a decisive role to play in ensuring that these demands are fully heard and acknowledged by all the European institutions. This recognition will come first from the European Parliament and by the support you will grant for the renewal of the Intergroup. It is clear that we need your support and commitment.

We are looking forward to your response and remain available for a conversation with you about this request for your support to re-establish the Social Economy Intergroup.

Yours sincerely,







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Social Economy Europe, the EU-level reference network for the social economy in the EU, groups European, national, regional and sectorial networks of social economy enterprises and wishes to encourage all political stakeholders to support the creation of an enabling environment for social economy, to the benefit of all European citizens.
Social Services Europe is the network of social services providers and represents non-profit providers of services in fields such as ageing, disability, homelessness, youth inclusion, education and training and many others.
Social Platform is the civil society alliance fighting for social justice and participatory democracy in Europe, campaigning to ensure that EU policies are developed in partnership with the people they affect, respecting fundamental rights, promoting solidarity and improving lives.

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