

AWARDING CEREMONY **8TH EDITION OF THE SGI EUROPE - CSR LABEL**

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Draft agenda with invited speakers indicated
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Background

Since its creation in 2008, the SGI Europe CSR Label has been an important tool that has demonstrated that, across the EU, providers, and employers of services of general interest (SGIs) are particularly conscious of the impact their operations have on society and the environment.

The 8th edition of the CSR Label will highlight in particular the enormous contributions SGIs have been making since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis to support the citizens, businesses, and territories they serve, showing their responsible behavior, and their involvement in the recovery actions for building a more resilient society.

Contributing to long term sustainable growth remains indeed one of SGI Europe highest priorities and that is why constantly cooperate with EU, national and local institutions in order to provide our members with the best possible conditions to bring that priority into life. Against that background, whereas SGI Europe fully supports the concept of sustainable finance and believes in the enabling role of the EU Taxonomy Regulations to achieve the objectives of the EU Green Deal, SGI providers need a dedicated framework to empower them to mainstream and scale up their actions through sustainable finance towards environmental and social sustainability.

That is why, this edition of the SGI Europe CSR Label announces the ambitious transition to a new generation for the label, committed to supporting SGI providers in complying with the new requirements and leading to the effective deployment of the EU sustainable finance strategy.

The first part of the Awarding Ceremony (morning) is dedicated to a special learning event about the 'EU Taxonomy Regulation' which comes as a first step for creating the new framework for SGI providers. The second part (afternoon) is dedicated to awarding the CSR Label to the applicants who have successfully passed the evaluation process of this edition.

WORKSHOP “EU Taxonomy Regulation”

Long-term investments in services of general interest (SGIs) are a decisive aspect for a successful and fair twin transition. Further, the ability to disclose and work with sustainability data under the EU Taxonomy Regulation will be a key element for succeeding in the new European financing framework, which brings important changes.

Accordingly, and starting from this edition, SGI Europe CSR Label aims to create a dedicated implementing framework of the EU Taxonomy Regulation for SGI providers. This workshop unfolds the creation of the new framework, aiming to provide key knowledge and exchange on this regulation which will become in the coming years one of the most important instruments at EU level for increasing sustainable investments, including for key SGIs sectors.

9:15-10:00	Introductions • Welcome address by Valeria Ronzitti, General Secretary, SGI Europe • Welcome address by Erkki Maillard, Senior VP EU Affairs, Diplomatic adviser to the CEO, Électricité de France (EDF) • General introduction by Nathan Fabian, chair, Platform on Sustainable Finance
10:00-11:00	Panel discussion – EU Taxonomy and SGIs • Helena Vines Fiestas, Chair Data and Usability Subgroup, Platform on Sustainable Finance • Fillippo Brandolini, President of HERAmbiente Spa, Vice-President of Utilitalia, Vice-President of SGI Europe • Laurent Zylberberg, Senior Executive Vice President Public and International Affairs of Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations, Chairman of the European Association of Long-Term Investors (CDC) • Andreas Hagnell, Senior adviser environment and energy, Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (SALAR) Moderator: Alain Taccoen , Head of Stakeholders Relations-Senior Market Advisor, Électricité de France (EDF) Q&A session
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11:15-12:30	Panel discussion - Social Taxonomy • Antje Schneeweiß, Chair Social Taxonomy Subgroup, Platform on Sustainable Finance • Özgür Öner, Director, Federal Association of German Housing (GdW) • HOSPEEM, the European Hospital and Healthcare Employers' Association Moderator: Ștefan Enică , Projects and Policy Officer, SGI Europe Q&A session
12:30-14:00	Networking lunch

AWARDING CEREMONY OF THE 2022 CSR LABEL EDITION

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 2022 edition will feature 19 enterprises that have completed all the evaluation stages and will be rewarded with the CSR Label, providing recognition for doing more than fulfilling their services, applying a responsible economic model, based on high values of social responsibility and environmental protection at all levels of activities.

14:15-15:00	Introductions • Keynote speech by Pierre-André Imbert, Secrétaire général adjoint de la présidence de la République française • Welcome address by Pascal Bolo, President, SGI Europe • Welcome address by Carine de Boisezon, Chief Sustainability Officer, Électricité de France (EDF)
15:00-15:15	SGI Europe - CSR Label evaluation results Presentation by Berenschot consultancy
15:15-16:45	Awarding the CSR Label to the enterprises and presentations of practices • Transport: Administração dos portos de sines e do Algarve, SAEMES, EMEL • Housing: GEBALIS, CILIOPEE, SIC, Plaine Commune Développement, Göteborgs Lokaler, Förvaltaren, AB Uppsalahem, Groupe SERL, Junta de Freguesia de Olivais • Waste management: Ambiente Servizi, GoRent • Energy and water: Gelsenwasser, PWiK Rybnik, HEAG Holding, HERA Spa • Education and training: AFPAR
16:45-17:15	Photo session with awarded enterprises
17:15-17:30	Conclusions