

**SGI EUROPE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WITH THE CHAIRS, VICE CHAIRS AND GENERAL RAPPORTEURS OF THE BOARDS AND
TASK FORCES**

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CHAIRS & VICE CHAIRS OF THE SGI EUROPE BOARDS AND TASK FORCES

Chairs, Vice Chairs & General Rapporteurs	
Public Services Board	Nadine Fischer (Chair) Luigi Joseph Del Giacco (Vice Chair)
Sustainability Board	Alain Taccoen (Chair) Stefan Chaykov (Vice Chair)
Social Affairs Board	Jeanette Grenfors (Chair) Michael de Gols (Vice Chair)
Communications Task Force	Dariusz Prosiecki (Vice Chair)
Health & Safety Task Force	Lankowski Pawel (Chair)

APOLOGIES

Chairs, Vice Chairs & General Rapporteurs	
Sustainability Board	Lina Furch (Vice chair)
Transport Task Force	Monica Unterholzner (Chair)
Environment Task Force	Janusz Karwot (Vice Chair)
Sustainability Board	Sebastien Gonet (Vice chair)
Water Task Force	Hans de Groene (Chair)
Public Services Board	Jaime Castineira de la Torres (Vice chair) Benjamin Gallepe (Vice chair)
Enterprises, Internal Market & Competition Task Force	Juan Pedro Marin Arrese (Chair)

ITEM	DOCUMENT	ACTION
1. Approval of the Agenda	SGIEU.23/ GA.08	Approved
2. MINUTES		
Approval of the minutes of 8 December 2022	SGIEU.22/GA.29	Approved
INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS		
3. Information from the		
<p>3.1. President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSS 22 March Meeting with EC President Ursula von der Leyen on 27 March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TSS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaking notes Press release: https://sgieurope.org/news/triparte-social-summit-march-2023/ 	The President reported on the TSS of 22 March as well as the meeting with President von der Leyen.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACGA 1 June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting von der Leyen: Press release: https://sgieurope.org/news/sgi-europe-meeting-with-ursula-von-der-leyen-president-of-the-european-commission/ 	<p>The President reported on the ACGA where we spoke about how to organise the work for the priorities 2024 – 2029 and the Growth and Development Plan. Financial issues were also very much at the centre of the discussion, including the issue of the constant increase of doubtful payments to be written off.</p>
<p>3.2. <i>General Secretary</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>EC Communication on Long term competitiveness</i> 2. <i>Informal EPSCO under Swedish Presidency of 4 May</i> 3. <i>Porto Social Forum of 27 May</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Press release: https://sgieurope.org/news/sgi-europe-addresses-the-skills-challenge-and-the-demographic-transition-at-the-informal-epsco-organised-by-the-swedish-presidency/ Porto Social Forum recap (on the website): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speaking notes Press release: https://sgieurope.org/news/sgi-europe-at-the-porto-social-forum 	<p>The General Secretary explained that those points as well as the presentation from Chairs of Boards and Task forces are all included in an extensive PPT to be joined to the minutes, useful also for those absent. (See PPT)</p>
<p>3.3. <i>Outline of the Roadmap “SGI Europe: Towards 2024-2029</i></p>	<p>SGIEU23/GS02</p>	<p>The General Secretary presented the main deliverables expected by December 2023, and how to prepare those deliverables. The General Assembly approved the proposed procedure and therefore the General Secretariat will issue a call for interest to set up a transversal working group.</p>

		<p>The call will be accompanied by a very first skeleton/ issues paper, allowing the Boards on the one end and the National Sections on the other to best identify the profile to participate to the working group.</p> <p>The President insisted on the importance of a collective exercise. It will be the roadmap for all of us, and to implement in a very dynamic way.</p>
<p>3.4. <i>Chairs of SGI Europe Boards and Task Forces</i></p> <p>Social Affairs Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macro-Economic Task Force • Social Protection Task Force <p>Public Services Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services of General Interest Task Force • Enterprises, Internal Market & Competition Task Force <p>Sustainability Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Task Force • Water Task Force • Energy Task Force • Transport Task Force • Communications Task Force 		<p>The chairs of the boards and task forces present their past and upcoming 2023 activities. In addition, Alain Taccoen, Chair of the Sustainability board, Nadine Fisher, Chair of the Public Services Board, and Jeanette Grenfors, Chair of the Social Affairs Board, reported about their reinforced coordination and respective plans on how to make the functioning of their respective Boards evolve as appropriate. (See PPT)</p> <p>Moreover, Jeanette Grenfors, Chair of the Social Affairs Committee, reported about the present top priority of the Committee, the ongoing negotiations on a revision of EUSP Framework Agreement from 2002 on telework and the R2D – to be turned into an EU-directive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic from EUSPWP 2022-2024. • Why TW and R2D/Dynamics: TW evolved since 2002, changing world of work, digitalisation, telework, post covid, EP resolution, EC interest and studies • TW, R2D: Issues closest to SPs => EUSPWP: Our common aim: a well-balanced, forward looking SP agreement that grasps the

		<p>possibilities and challenges of telework + R2D</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong SGIEU mandate, experienced negotiation team. Several SAB meetings (ordinary and extra meetings) to inform, discuss and consult members on our work – meaning we have all the subjects of the negos on the SAB agenda. • Timeline: negotiations since last autumn, In an intense phase right now: 2 nego meetings and SAB this week, pre-empl meetings 29/6 and 4/7, nego meeting 10 July (last scheduled meeting, may ask for more). • Negotiating the same modules as in EUSP FA on TW from 2002 + R2D: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Definitions and scope 2. Voluntary character 3. Employment conditions, equal pay and treatment 4. Data protection, privacy, control and monitoring 5. Equipment, use, payment of costs 6. Health and safety 7. Training 8. Organisation of work and right to disconnect 9. Collective rights 10. Enforcement, transposition, follow-up • We have progressed on texts but have still some outstanding issues that we need to solve together. • In this work SGIEU negotiators are a reliable Social Partner. We keep calm and carry on.
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3.2 SGI Europe Projects	SGIEU.23 – GS.03 Update note on Projects	Quickly went through based on the note
INFORMATION ITEMS		
4. Information		
4.1. <i>Membership recruitment and retention by National Sections and Sectoral members</i>	PPT Presentation	Will send the PPT
4.2. <i>Activity Report</i>		Information
ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION/ADOPTION		
5. Documents for approval	<u>Sustainability Board:</u> Draft Opinion for the Climate Targets 2040 <u>Public Services Board:</u> Draft Opinion on 30 years of the Single Market	Approved The Opinion was not presented as it was decided to instead issue a Position paper reflecting also the discussions held during the morning event.
6. Documents published since the last meeting on 8 December 2022	<u>Social Affairs Board:</u> 1) SGI Europe contribution on the 16th of March hearing on the protection of workers from risks related to exposure to carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic substances at work 2) Joint European Employers' Statement on Traineeships <u>Public Services Board:</u> 1) Position Paper on the De minimis Regulation 2) Response to the consultation on SGEI de minimis Regulation <u>Sustainability Board:</u> 1) Joint statement: The polluter-pays principle	Information

	<p>should remain at the core of the Union's wastewater treatment legislation</p> <p>2) Position Paper A renewal of the Electricity Market Design to cope with the EU climate ambition</p> <p>3) Position Paper On the Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive COM (2022) 541 final (UWWTD)</p> <p>4) SGI Europe feedback on the EU Taxonomy Delegated Acts</p>	
OTHER BUSINESS AND DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS		
7. Miscellaneous		
8. Dates of future meetings		6 December 2023 from 14:30 to 17:30 in EESC premises in Brussels. The meeting will be followed by a dinner/get together and it is highly recommended to all members to book their flight/train for the following day.