Social enterprises: EU policy context

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An economy that works for people

“I want Europe to strive for more when it comes to social fairness and prosperity.

This is our Union’s founding promise.”
European Pillar of Social Rights

Equal opportunities and access to the labour market
- Education, training and lifelong learning
- Gender equality
- Equal opportunities
- Active support to employment

Fair working conditions
- Secure and adaptable employment
- Wages
- Information about employment conditions and protection in case of dismissals
- Social dialogue and involvement of workers
- Work-life balance
- Healthy, safe and well-adapted work environment and data protection

Social protection and inclusion
- Childcare and support to children
- Social protection
- Unemployment benefits
- Minimum income
- Old age income and pensions
- Healthcare
- Inclusion of people with disabilities
- Long-term care
- Housing and assistance for the homeless
- Access to essential services
Social enterprise:

- Governance: use of profits, participation, transparency
- Doing business: selling goods or services
- Measurable positive social impact
Social enterprises: contribution to the EU social policy objectives

- Inclusive job creation
- Entrepreneurial, inclusive economy
- Sustainable development goals
- Sustainability of welfare systems
- Civic participation, social cohesion

Social enterprises
EU support for social entrepreneurship: Policy, funding and networks

Policy: guidance and mutual learning
- Mapping study, country reviews, peer learning, European Semester, Better Entrepreneurship policy tool

Funding: EU programmes and funds
- 2014-2020: EaSI, ESF, EFSI
- 2021-2027: ESF+, InvestEU

Networks and capacity building
- Partnership agreements with EU-level networks
- Multi-stakeholder expert group (GECES)
A growing and well appreciated knowledge base