

**Question for written answer E-001939/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Disbanding of DG GROW unit for social economy and social entrepreneurship

The Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) recently announced that it would disband its unit responsible for social economy and social entrepreneurship as of 1 May. This will result in a loss of institutional knowledge, undermine progress achieved and stall future advances for the social economy. And yet social enterprises are an important pillar of the EU economy, employing over 11 million people and with a turnover of nearly EUR 1 trillion. The social economy is unique in that it provides a path to achieve our environmental, social and economic objectives in a harmonious way.

1. Will the Commission explain the rationale for removing responsibility for this important economic sector from the DG responsible for the internal market?
2. With the transferal of responsibility for the social economy to the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, how will DG GROW ensure that its policies continue to support and promote the social economy?
3. Will the Commission provide an explanation for the sudden stop to the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises funding calls?

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