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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
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The Commission remains fully committed to advancing the social economy agenda and ensuring its continued integration across relevant EU policies. The recent internal reorganisation of the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and Small Medium Enterprises, including the discontinuation of the unit dealing with social economy, was carried out to enhance efficiency and better integrate social economy objectives across broader industrial and Single Market policies.

Social economy features in the Commission 2024-2029 political guidelines¹, which reaffirm its commitment to reinforce Europe's social model, promote social fairness and ensure that no one is left behind.

Under the political leadership of the Executive Vice-President for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness, the Commission services remain committed to supporting the development of the social economy, notably through the implementation of the Action Plan for the Social Economy², and to ensuring that social economy actors can meaningfully contribute to the prosperity and growth of the Single Market.

In spite of the cancellation of two planned calls in the social economy field under the Single Market Programme³, the Commission remains committed to supporting the social economy through relevant funding opportunities (e.g. European Social Fund Plus, InvestEU, Horizon Europe, European Regional Development Fund) accessible via the Social Economy Gateway⁴, and through continued policy engagement.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0778>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32021R0690>.

⁴ https://social-economy-gateway.ec.europa.eu/eu-funding-programmes_en.