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The reorganisation of the Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, including the discontinuation of the social economy unit, aims at enhancing efficiency, while incorporating social economy into broader industrial and Single Market policies.

Social economy actors remain fully integrated into the policies pursued by the Executive Vice-President for Prosperity and Industrial Strategy, including industrial strategy, public procurement review and specific programmes such as the Enterprise Europe Network¹, Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs² and the European Cluster Collaboration Platform³.

Under the political leadership of the Executive Vice-President for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness, the Commission is firmly committed to fostering social economy development, notably through the implementation of the Social Economy Action Plan⁴, and to ensuring that social economy actors can meaningfully contribute to the prosperity and resilience of the Single Market. The 2023 Council Recommendation on developing social economy framework conditions⁵ urges Member States to adopt or update comprehensive strategies promoting social economy, or to align existing policy initiatives with this goal. The European Social Fund Plus⁶ and the Technical Support Instrument⁷ are crucial in driving the transition towards coherent national social economy strategies.

The Commission remains fully committed to advancing the social economy agenda and is preparing a mid-term review of the Social Economy Action Plan to support its continued integration across relevant EU and national policies.

¹ <https://een.ec.europa.eu>.

² <https://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu>.

³ <https://transition-pathways.europa.eu/networks-and-platforms/european-cluster-collaboration-platform-eccp-tools-and-resources-innovation>.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0778>.

⁵ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C_202301344.

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02021R1057-20241224>.

⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32021R0240>.