



United for the future of Europe

Christa Schweng's presidency achievements

October 2020 to April 2023



European Economic
and Social Committee

Preface

October 2020 seems so distant, yet for me, these past 30 months of the EESC presidency have been an honour, a pleasure and an inspiring journey. Together we have been bold in further strengthening organised civil society in European policy-making. The EESC has undertaken the necessary reforms to regain trust and its reputation as the voice of organised civil society in Europe.

This mandate was first marked by COVID-19 and subsequently by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Social and economic consequences of both the pandemic and the war were, naturally, our main priorities. Our actions were focused on addressing the challenges of the times we live in.

We have been an example of European solidarity, helping Ukraine in our daily work through concrete actions such as sharing our premises with Ukrainian civil society, and through vocal support for Ukraine's path towards EU membership.

In the priorities of my presidency, I focused on a Europe that is economically prosperous, socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable. I strongly believe that the future of Europe should be founded on these three pillars. This is the position for which we advocated during the Conference on the Future of Europe, where the EESC played an important role in representing organised civil society and standing for European values.

This publication highlights the main achievements of my EESC presidency throughout the last two and a half years, listing major actions and initiatives taken to implement the priorities set at the beginning of my term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone – both within the institution and beyond, including our stakeholders and collaborators – who contributed to the success of this presidency. Without you and our joint efforts, this would not have been possible.

Thank you. United for the Future of Europe!

Yours,





Supporting Ukraine's fight for European values

Since the first day of Russia's unprovoked and unjustified invasion of Ukraine, the EESC has been active in supporting Ukraine's heroic fight, helping those suffering from the war and addressing the economic consequences that it has brought on Ukrainian and EU citizens and businesses.

On 24 February 2022 – the day Russian troops invaded Ukraine – the European Economic and Social Committee condemned the aggression. Over the last year, the Committee has expressed solidarity with the Ukrainian people in numerous ways, calling for firm actions both at EU and national levels.

During the plenary sessions, the EESC members adopted three resolutions on Ukraine.

- The first resolution in March 2022 focused on the economic, social and environmental impact of the war, calling on EU leaders to take action, especially on migration policy, inflation, and rising food and energy prices.
- The second resolution, adopted in June 2022, looked at the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine. The EESC called for granting EU candidate status to Ukraine – a decision the Council took a few days later.
- In the third resolution, adopted in February 2023, the EESC demanded a swift accession process for Ukraine to the EU in full respect of enlargement principles. The members also called for targeted support for Ukraine's reconstruction, and supported the creation of a special international tribunal on crimes of aggression against Ukraine.



The EU as a whole – and every Member State individually – needs to continue to live up to its responsibilities by protecting people and our shared values. We have to stand united against this violent attack on everything we stand for: freedom, human rights and dignity, democracy and the rule of law!

Speech at the EESC plenary session, 24 February 2022

13. Debate on the situation in Ukraine and the adoption of the EESC resolution Ukraine – from relief to reconstruction – proposals by European Civil Society, with H. E. Ambassador Vsevolod Chentsov, Head of the Ukrainian Mission to the European Union, Marta Barandiy, representing Promote Ukraine, and Mariya Korolchuk, representing the Community Organised Relief Effort (CORE) and Funky Citizens

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Podium during the debate on Ukraine, EESC plenary session, June 2022



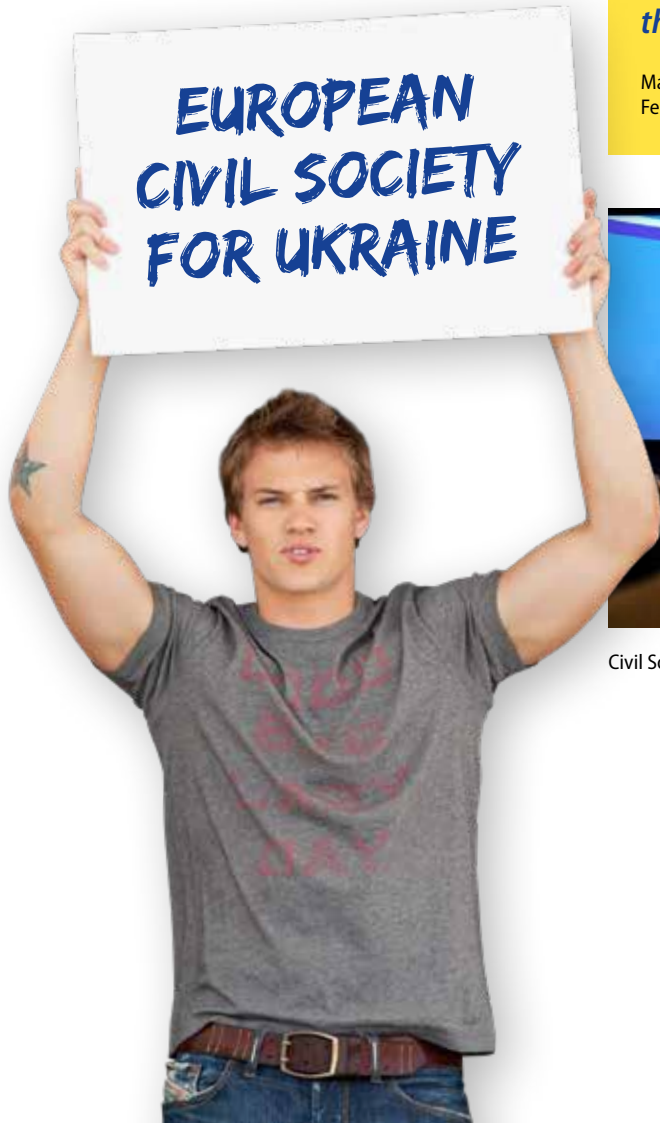
United, we must face the consequences of the war in Ukraine and the geopolitical challenges ahead. It is high time to explore using frozen Russian assets in the post-war reconstruction. Europe must evolve from a champion in crisis management to a world champion in shaping the future.

Speech at the EESC plenary session, June 2022

#StandWithUkraine

Turning our solidarity into concrete action, we opened the EESC premises for the representatives of Ukrainian civil society organisations, such as Promote Ukraine. Our committee provided them with office space and logistical and administrative support. We also organised a conference on relief and reconstruction of Ukraine and its European perspective in Kraków.

On 15 December 2022, the EESC awarded its Civil Society Prize to three initiatives helping Ukrainian civilians suffering from the war. Our actions in support of Ukraine and its people continue.



Marta Barandiy @MartaBarandiy
Dear Christa, thank you for your sincere engagement in my country's and our continents' victory over imperialism of 21st century!

EESC President Christa Schweng @EESC_President - Feb 24
One year into Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the @EU_EESC remains strongly committed to showing solidarity with the people and civil society.
#StandWithUkraine #24Feb2022

Dear Christa, thank you for your sincere engagement in my country's and our continent's victory over the imperialism of the 21st century!

Marta Barandiy, founding chair of the Promote Ukraine organisation, February 2023



Civil Society Prize ceremony, December 2022



Acting for an economically prosperous Europe

Paving the way for recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic

While the Russian aggression on Ukraine entirely shifted the EU's focus and priorities, the economic and social consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic remained a challenge to address. During my presidency, the EESC called for the proper use of the instruments designed to support our recovery. We strongly advocated for ensuring that the NextGenerationEU, REPowerEU and national recovery and resilience funds supported the EU's sustainable and resilient future, and are not used to fill the holes in national budgets. Our call for the close involvement of civil society organisations in implementing the recovery instruments has been noticed and appreciated.

The EESC also paid tribute to Europe's civil society, who actively and selflessly engaged in acts of solidarity from the very first days of the pandemic. In 2021, a special, one-off edition of the Civil Society Prize awarded 23 not-for-profit initiatives tackling the COVID-19 crisis and its manifold consequences.



Civil Solidarity Prize award ceremony, February 2021



Supporting Europe's strategic autonomy

Both the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's aggression against Ukraine highlighted the fragility of global value chains (especially in food and pharmaceutical production), and exposed the EU's dependence on energy sources and raw materials in particular. This is why, under my presidency, the EESC has been supporting the concept of the EU's strategic autonomy.

Upon my initiative – before Russia's full-scale invasion on Ukraine, and for the first time ever – the EESC performed a 360-degree assessment of the energy transition. All EESC sections looked at various aspects of the transition, such as geopolitics, energy poverty, energy infrastructure, climate objectives, technological innovation (such as carbon removal), challenges for rural areas and the perspective of SMEs and the social economy. The results of that work fed into the first 'umbrella' own-initiative opinion on the EESC's vision on the energy transition, and its role in achieving the EU's strategic autonomy.

In addition, the EESC has, on several occasions, urged the European institutions and Member States to work swiftly on the energy market reform and roll-out of renewables, given the high energy prices, overgrowing demand and energy poverty affecting people and businesses.



Debate on energy transition, plenary session, October 2022



Europe must not become a fortress or an island closed in on itself. We live in an interrelated world, not just a globalised economy. Openness, be it in trade or in values, is part of our DNA and is also a contributor to global resilience. Openness must therefore go hand in hand with autonomy.

Speech at the EESC Observatories Joint conference – Accelerating transitions to build an open strategic autonomy of Europe, December 2022



The time has come to focus on what unites the EU and the Western Balkans rather than concentrating on divisive elements. Representatives of employers, workers and civil society at large stand ready to contribute with their expertise to the enlargement process and make it a success.

Editorial for the Parliament Magazine, October 2021



Meeting with the Prime Minister of the Government of North Macedonia, Mr Zoran Zaev, October 2021

Contributing to strengthening the EU's external dimension

The EESC actively supported the European perspective of the Western Balkans, the need for further reforms and the important role of civil society organisations in the process. The Committee warmly welcomed the decision to grant candidate status to Bosnia and Herzegovina in December 2022, and the start of accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia in the summer of 2022.

With a view to counteracting shrinking civil society spaces in many regions of the world, during my presidency I re-established relations with the United Nations Economic and Social Council, the Economic and Social Council of Israel and of Palestine, and the Argentinian Economic and Social Council.



EESC mission to the United States of America and the United Nations, June 2022



From the very beginning, this Committee has been contributing to making the single market more functional for all. I really value your continuous feedback, such as your latest report on competition policy.

Margarethe Vestager, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission
EESC plenary session, January 2023

Promoting a well-functioning single market

In 2023, the single market celebrated its 30th anniversary. It can be described as Europe's greatest success story and a cornerstone of the European integration project. The EESC has always been a strong advocate for completing the single market, proposing concrete solutions to address fragmentation that still exists.

Ahead of the adoption of the Commission's communication on the single market at 30, the EESC presented its continuous work on improving its benefits for businesses and citizens by addressing increased global competition, tackling the green and digital transitions, attracting talent and providing a solid economic governance framework. Throughout my presidency, I constantly emphasised that businesses and citizens must be part of the solution. The EESC's voice on the single market has been heard loud and clear.

Making the partnership principle in cohesion policy a reality

Financial needs caused by the COVID-19 recovery and the consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine have challenged the 2021-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). The EESC actively contributed to the implementation of the new MFF by adopting four opinions on cohesion policy that served as an input for the decisions made by EU leaders. I was particularly pleased to see that the FAST-CARE package to support Ukrainian refugees took these proposals into account and offered more flexibility to EU Member States, in order to provide them easier and faster access to funding.



Informal Meeting of Cohesion Ministers, September 2022



I would like to salute the partnership principle that is applied in cohesion policy and recommend a better involvement of civil society organisations for the deployment of all the other funds. This would improve the effectiveness and acceptance of reforms and foster greater accountability.

Statement during the Informal meeting of Ministers responsible for Cohesion Policy in Prague, September 2022



Advocating for a socially inclusive Europe

Implementing the European Pillar of Social Rights

In May 2021, the Porto Social Summit gave a new impetus for the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights. At the high-level conference of the Porto Social Summit, I called for empowering people and equipping them with the right set of skills.

The EESC has succeeded in having a concrete impact on the Porto Social Summit Declaration. Following our proposal, a gender equality dimension was introduced in the Declaration, including specifics on closing the gender pay gap and guaranteeing the right to equal pay for work of equal value. The Committee also put a focus on the need to lift at least five million children out of poverty and social exclusion by 2030, which was included in the Porto Declaration.

Several other EESC calls for action were taken up in the Porto Social Summit Declaration, such as the request to channel resources where they are most needed to strengthen our economies, and to concentrate our policy efforts on equal opportunities and entrepreneurship.



Porto Social Summit,
May 2021

Focusing on people, training and skills

During my mandate, I have drawn attention to the fact that Europe's best asset is its people. To have a prosperous Europe that is innovative and competitive on the global stage, people need to be equipped with the right set of skills which match the needs of our changing labour markets. This was one of my key messages at the informal council meeting of ministers for employment and social policy, organised by the French Presidency in February 2022. I was therefore particularly pleased that 2023 was announced the European Year of Skills.

Another opportunity to pass on the Committee's recommendations for strong labour markets and inclusive social policies has been the informal meetings of ministers for employment and social policy, where I represented the EESC at the invitation of the Slovene (July 2021) and Czech

Presidencies (October 2022). My contributions focused on the inclusion of women, older people, youth and Ukrainian refugees in the labour market, and on the impact of the digital and climate transitions on employment.



Informal Council meeting of Ministers for
Employment and Social Policy,
February 2022



United, EU policymakers, Member States, social partners and organised civil society have a central role and responsibility in ensuring quality work today and in the future, notably by improving active labour market policies, promoting skills, combining the well-being of workers and competitiveness of companies.

Speech at the Conference on Quality Work for a Quality Life, organised by the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the EU, October 2021



Fighting for equality and supporting youth

Turning the Union of equality into a reality is a priority for the EESC. We promoted gender equality, notably aligning EESC activities with the European Parliament's Gender Equality Week. The EESC was also the first EU institution to propose a European disability strategy for 2021-2030. I am pleased that many of our recommendations are integrated in the adopted EU strategy.

During my term of office, the EESC has stepped up the involvement of young people in our work on EU policies, notably on issues of climate change and the environment. For the first time, a youth delegate was included in the delegation representing the EESC at the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP).

Following the Conference on the Future of Europe proposal to develop an EU Youth Test, the EESC was among the first to concretely follow up on this proposal. We proposed the specific form that the EU Youth Test could take, and encouraged other institutions to create more spaces for young people to provide input in all policy making at EU level on the challenges they face.



We need to change the culture and we need awareness to fight against biases, but we really need binding measures. And we need to work together – the EP and EESC, women and men, young and old.

Evelyn Regner, Vice-President of the European Parliament
EESC plenary session, October 2022

Protecting fundamental rights and the rule of law

Following the EESC's repeated calls for strengthening the respect of fundamental rights, the rule of law and democracy in the EU, the European institutions put in place a conditionality rule linking the disbursement of EU funds to the respect of the rule of law.

I also put forward another aspect related to the economic dimension of the rule of law, which was then reflected in the European Commission's 2021 Rule of Law Report. It stressed that the respect of the rule of law, together with the effectiveness of the judiciary and anti-corruption efforts, is key for a level playing field in the internal market. These aspects are crucial for maintaining investor confidence in the context of economic recovery and enlargement.

Embracing the opportunities offered by migration

Over the last two years the Committee has been actively cooperating with the European Commission in organising the European Migration Forum. The importance of the Forum was mentioned in the 2021-2027 action plan on integration and inclusion as a way to engage in regular consultation and dialogue with civil society and diaspora organisations.

The EESC also recommended easing rules on the recognition of qualifications of third country nationals, in order to ensure them a smooth integration and better access to the EU labour market. I count on the European Commission to reflect our call in its future proposal on *Legal migration – Recognition of qualifications of third country nationals*.

During this mandate, the Committee called for improving the quality of data collected in the area of combatting human trafficking and protecting its victims. The proposal, currently in negotiation, contains a requirement for yearly data collection and reporting.



We call for Member States to have ongoing consultations with social partners, civil society and youth organisations when they design, implement and monitor measures tailored to young people in work or training, or those who are actively seeking work. Also, funding to support integration should be accessed easily by civil society organisations, who are usually the first port of call.

Keynote speech at the 7th European Migration Forum, October 2022



Endeavouring for an environmentally sustainable Europe

Fostering a circular economy

Recent crises have shown that the EU must seize the opportunity to 'build back better' along a more sustainable path. Creating a circular economy is part of the solution to establish a more sustainable system. During my mandate, the EESC further developed cooperation within the European Circular Economy Stakeholder Platform. The number of best practices shared on the platform almost doubled – from 403 in October 2020 to 760 in March 2023. The platform is one of the EESC's flagship initiatives created jointly with the European Commission. It helps to drive, guide and scale up strategies and practices that regenerate our economy. I am proud that the EESC succeeded in shaping and maintaining this vibrant community of practice.

I am sure that the EU can make a difference globally through its efforts to make products more sustainable. Recognised as a true circular leader, the European Union has a duty to ensure a true level playing field whereby competitors – be they within Europe or beyond – must adhere to the same environmental and social standards. This is why – as underlined by the EESC – the global stakeholders must be involved if we want to develop a truly circular world.



The momentum and money dedicated to the green transition should be used to build a sustainable, just and inclusive future for Europe. The required systemic transformation of our economy needs to go hand in hand with innovative practices. Both companies and customers play a key role in shaping demand for green products and services.

Speech at the Circular Economy Stakeholder Conference,
February 2023



Turning the Green Deal into a reality

The transition towards a carbon-neutral economy will modernise industry, create new high-quality jobs and more job opportunities leaving nobody behind. However, to make it happen, it is fundamental that we support industry, businesses and clean technology companies. Throughout my presidency I reiterated that businesses are part of the solution in greening the economy. They must be encouraged to play an active role in shaping the transition to a low-carbon, resource-efficient economy.



As your Committee has shown, the European Green Deal is about doing things together – about everyone playing their fair part. Just as we cannot afford to leave anyone behind, we cannot allow one sector, one company, or one region to freeride. Such a freeride would be a ride over a cliff edge – and that is exactly what we want to avoid.

Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission
EESC plenary session, June 2021

While the Green Deal is an ambitious growth strategy for the EU to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 and provide economic impetus, the social, labour, health and equality dimensions should be strengthened to ensure that no person, community, worker, sector or region is left behind. To ensure that the green transition is fair – especially after the pandemic – the EESC repeatedly stressed that the Green Deal must also be a social deal. The Just Transition Fund is an instrument that reflects our call.

In the resolution voted ahead of COP27, the EESC also called for climate diplomacy at global level.

Focusing on water

In October 2022, upon my initiative, the EESC decided on a call for an EU Blue Deal as the cross-cutting topic for the package of own-initiative opinions for 2023. The aim is to highlight the importance of water and its economic, societal, environmental and geo-political aspects.



TIME FOR AN
EU Blue Deal



We need to work together for a truly innovative Blue Deal in the European Union. Both the United States and China have water strategies. My hope is that Europe will step up and become a role model for how to take care of water resources.

Pernille Weiss, Member of the European Parliament and chair of the MEP Water Group
EESC hearing Time for a Blue Deal, February 2023



Promoting organic value chains

Another way of making Europe more sustainable is investing in more sustainable food production throughout the entire value chain. This is one of the reasons why the EESC decided to team up with the European Commission, the Committee of the Regions, COPA-COGECA and IFOAM Organic Europe to launch the first-ever EU Organic awards.

The awards recognise excellence along the organic value chain, rewarding the best and the most innovative actors in organic production in the EU. The awards were granted on 23 September 2022, on EU Organic Day.



I have been impressed by each and every one of the stories behind the winners ... They come from all over the EU, showing that organics is alive everywhere, and that organic excellence can be found everywhere. In this sense, they give me much hope for the further development of organic production and the benefits it can bring for our farmers, rural communities, and society as a whole.

Janusz Wojciechowski, EU Commissioner for Agriculture,
Organic Awards ceremony, September 2022



The high quality of the numerous applications received for these first EU organic awards shows that a transition to more sustainable food systems is already happening on the ground. I am very proud that the European Economic and Social Committee could co-host these awards and reward excellent, innovative, sustainable and inspiring SMEs, food retailers and restaurants that have created real added value for organic production and consumption.

Speech at the Organic Awards ceremony,
September 2022



The Future is in your hands

Bringing the
European project
back to citizens



Conference
on the **Future**
of **Europe**

Making civil society's voice heard

The EESC played an important role during the Conference on the Future of Europe, conveying the messages of organised civil society gathered through its network, the Liaison Group and the national economic and social councils.

Since the beginning of the conference, I have particularly supported the creation of a dashboard, allowing citizens to follow up on their recommendations. This idea was partially picked up by the European Commission and the Council. However, I believe that more needs to be done to allow everyone to understand the implementation measures and timeline for recommendations that are taken on board.



In its April 2021 resolution, the EESC called for a new narrative for Europe: a future for Europe is only possible if we put civil society in the driving seat. Following the EESC's active role and contributions, our role as facilitator and guarantor of participatory democracy has been recognised by the Conference on the Future of Europe.

I believe that the voice of civil society is better heard when its representatives align their messages. This is why, in order to join forces during the Conference on the Future of Europe, the EESC signed the memorandum of understanding and cooperation agreement with the members of the Liaison Group, Europe's People's Forum and European Movement International.



The Committee is an essential part of the democratic ecosystem which is fit for the future. Your work reinforces trust and reduces the gap between citizens and institutions.

Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography
EESC plenary session, June 2022



Rebuilding trust and restoring the EESC's reputation

Enhancing interinstitutional cooperation

As an advisory body, the EESC acts as a bridge between organised civil society and policymakers. In order to fulfil this role in an even more effective manner, during my presidency we further deepened cooperation with EU institutions and our main stakeholders.

In October 2022, I signed a political declaration and a renewed cooperation agreement with the European Commission. This ensures a more strategic and targeted cooperation between the two institutions, and joint communication initiatives about the European Union. A significant novelty is the commitment to jointly identify five subjects for exploratory opinions each year, once the Commission has adopted its work programme. This will allow the EESC to better plan its work and to contribute to the legislative process in a more proactive and timely manner.

In 2021, I signed an updated cooperation agreement with the Committee of Regions to make even better use of the resources spent on administrative matters. We have also dedicated additional resources to our joint IT services, given much is needed due to remote and hybrid working methods. Moreover, both Committees signed an agreement on a joint eco-management and audit scheme to improve our environmental performance.



Maroš Šefčovič, Vice-President of the European Commission, and Christa Schweng signing a renewed cooperation agreement between the European Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee, EESC plenary session, October 2022

Bringing civil society organisations closer together

This term of office was also an occasion to deepen relations with civil society organisations of the Liaison Group.

On 14 December 2022, the EESC signed another memorandum of understanding with the Anna Lindh Foundation in order to boost mutual cooperation and to support ongoing socio-economic reforms in the southern and eastern Mediterranean. The long-term goal is to establish a common area of peace and stability, build a zone of shared prosperity, and promote understanding between cultures and exchanges between civil societies.



We have also enhanced our work with national economic and social councils across the EU. Going beyond the annual meetings of the presidents and secretaries general of the EESC and national ESCs, during this mandate we launched a physical secondment project for members between ESCs and the EESC, as well as an online exchange programme on topics of common interest.

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with Brikena Xhomaqi, co-chair of the EESC Liaison Group, with European civil society organisations and networks, September 2021



After Europe of States, then Europe of institutions and treaties, I am convinced that a third major period must begin: that of Europe of civil society actors, which places at its heart those with field expertise and proximity to citizens, for a vibrant European democracy at all levels.

Thierry Beaudet, president of the French Economic, Social and Environmental Council – Annual meeting of the presidents and secretaries-general of the EESC and the national ESCs in Paris, November 2021

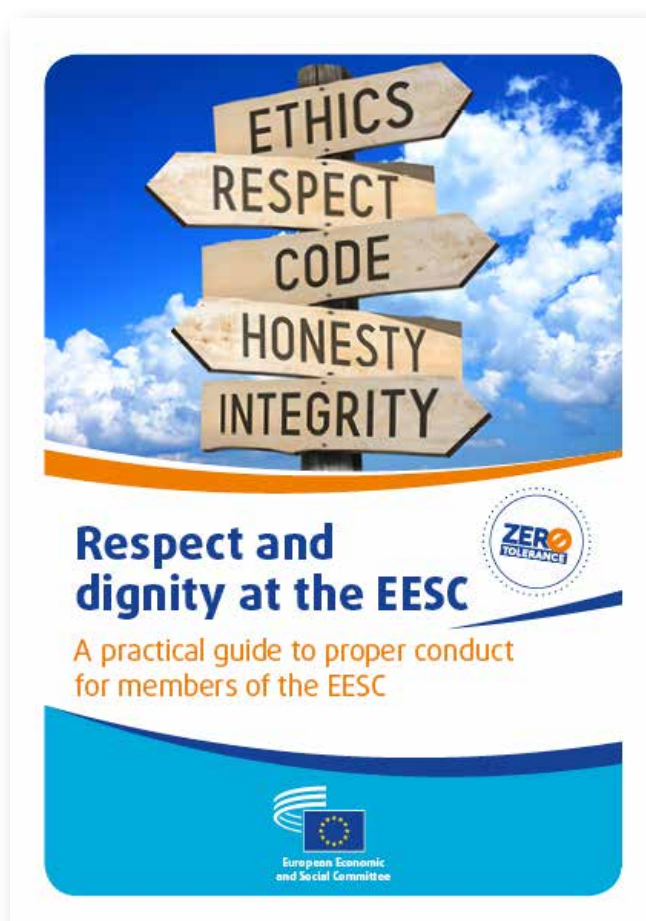
Restoring trust and reputation

When I took over the EESC presidency in October 2020, the institution's image was stained by controversies caused by cases of harassment. This is why rebuilding trust within the EESC and restoring the Committee's external reputation were among my top priorities. With the support of the EESC members and staff, I have taken a number of steps towards introducing a zero-tolerance policy towards harassment.

- In January 2021, the EESC adopted a new Code of Conduct, establishing a new Ethical Committee and stronger sanctions for non-compliance, up to the expulsion of a member in the case of severe misconduct.
- To facilitate the implementation of these new rules, we established a new brochure entitled 'Respect and dignity at the EESC', providing a practical guide on respectful and ethical behaviour at the EESC.
- In 2022, the EESC adopted a comprehensive overhaul of its Rules of Procedure, followed by a review of the related implementing provisions.
- The EESC also increased the number of trainings related to ethics.

These efforts have since been recognised by the European Parliament, which granted the EESC budgetary discharge in 2021 and 2022.

Under my presidency, the Committee continues to improve its working methods and better promote its opinions. In 2022, a new communication strategy was adopted. Members also started working on a new format of opinions to align them more closely to the needs of policymakers from other EU institutions.



Strengthening ties with key policymakers

During my mandate I focused on strengthening cooperation with key European policymakers, and ensured that during EESC plenary debates, the members of the Committee had an opportunity to discuss topics with all key European policymakers.



Going forward, it is imperative that Europeans, in whichever forums we work in, stick together, and that all our governing bodies at all levels work together in a healthy, cooperative spirit. Social and territorial dialogue with social partners and civil society has always been a cornerstone of how our Union operates.

Roberta Metsola, President of the European Parliament
EESC plenary session, January 2023



We need you, we need the social partners, we need the workers, we need the companies – the SMEs and the big companies – in order to be all in the same boat with the same doors. To make progress, also in this field of extraordinarily challenging times.

The Economic and Social Committee is the voice of the social partners and civil society. As such, you are essential to democratic legislative deliberation.

Charles Michel, President of the European Council
EESC plenary session, May 2022





Through the years, the Committee and the Commission have established an excellent cooperation. We are and we will remain close partners, both in annual policy planning and for the building of our long-term vision.

You have the power to mobilise voices from across the continent, from all sectors of society. With your support, the Conference on the Future of Europe has a much, much broader reach. Because Europe is, in the very end, what we make out of it.

Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission
EESC plenary session, December 2021



Guarantor and facilitator of participatory democracy



Strengthening participatory democracy and listening to social partners and other civil society organisations is the only way to successfully meet today's and tomorrow's challenges, and to adapt to the current highly dynamic environment. It is an honour and pleasure to represent the EESC and organised civil society.

Speech at the Annual meeting of the presidents and secretaries-general of the EESC and the national ESCs, Bucharest, November 2022





GEOPOLITICS IS BACK

CHARTING A COURSE FOR THE EU IN A WORLD OF SHIFTS AND SHOCKS
2022 ESPAS Annual Conference - 17-18 November



Media presence

United for the Future of Europe

Did society really prosper after the 1990s? Christa Schweng

Christa Schweng, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), discusses the challenges facing Europe and the role of the EESC in promoting a more inclusive and sustainable future.



Wer geimpft ist, darf nicht bevorzugt behandelt werden

Menschen mit Corona-Impfung zu bevorzugen wäre ein Verstoß gegen die Grundrechte anderer. Eine Impfpflicht können nur die Parlamente beschließen.

Thomas Harke



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„Wirtschaft und Klimaschutz sind kommunizierende Gefäße“

Die Österreicherin Christa Schweng ist seit Oktober 2020 Präsidentin des Europäischen Wirtschafts- und Sozialausschusses. Im Interview spricht die Sozialpolitikerin über ihr Prioritäten, Wirtschaftshilfen der Pandemie und warum die auch ein soziales Projekt ist.

INTERVIEW

Interview with the EESC's Christa Schweng: A year of transitions

European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) President Schweng outlines the priorities of the organisation on the transitions as well as recovery from the pandemic, in an interview with the Raiffeisenzeitschrift.



Christa Schweng | Source: EESC

15 DECEMBRE 2021

Échanges avec le Commissaire européen Nicolas Schmitt



Invité au CESE, le Commissaire européen à l'emploi et aux droits sociaux salue le travail du CESE sur les enjeux européens, en particulier sa contribution à la Conférence sur l'avenir de l'Europe. L'occasion pour lui de présenter l'ordre du jour de la présidence française en matière sociale et son plan pour l'économie sociale et solidaire en Europe en lien avec les travaux du CESE sur ces questions.

„Construire notre avenir sur une base participative“



Extrait de l'interview de Christa Schweng, présidente du Comité économique et social européen (CESE).

10 MARS 2022

Quelle est cette « Europe des sociétés civiles » ?

avec Thierry Baudeau et Yves-Michel Appellez

Nous appelons à construire notre avenir sur une base participative, en encadrant les idées de celles et ceux qui s'engagent sur le terrain. La crise sanitaire et la guerre en Ukraine ont une fois de plus montré la force de la société civile. Il y a là un savoir et une légitimité démocratiques qui peuvent nourrir les politiques nationales et rendre l'Union européenne plus autonome et résiliente. C'est aussi une façon de résister face à la montée des populismes.

10 MARS 2022

Quel rôle peuvent jouer les CESE pour aller vers plus de démocratie participative au niveau européen ?

Christa Schweng, présidente du Comité économique et social européen (CESE), explique comment elle voit le rôle de la société civile et de l'Union européenne dans la construction d'une Europe plus démocratique et résiliente.

12 AVRIL 2022

Vers une Europe



Le CESE adopte l'avis santé noir page 231. Il de santé commun, le sociale et territoriale ration pour la santé et environnementaux de

CESE 2021/2022

Christa Schweng



Christa Schweng, présidente du Comité économique et social européen (CESE), discute de la santé communautaire et de la résilience de l'Union européenne.

The future of Europe: digital, green, but first of all democratic!

Christa Schweng, President, European Economic and Social Committee, states that the future of Europe is digital, green, but first of all democratic!



Guida strategica alla progettazione dei sistemi EPR

Danilo Bonato

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Christa Schweng
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INSTITUTIONS ECONOMIE ET SOCIAL ORGANES ET AGENCES EMPLOI ET SOCIAL Interviews et débats

Christa Schweng: "Il est temps de faire remonter des propositions du terrain et de les transposer au niveau européen"

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connecter le citoyen avec le projet européen, c'est l'une des ambitions de Christa Schweng, présidente du Comité économique et social européen, que l'on parle de transition verte et numérique, de formation, de relance économique et sociale, des valeurs de l'UE. Elle rappelle le rôle clé de facilitateur que peut tenir le CESE, qui écarte la société civile organisée dans les 27 États membres.

Meet the woman focused on making the EU circular

The new president of European Economic and Social Committee, Christa Schweng, answers key questions on how she plans to grow the circular economy in the EU.

By Emanuela Benassi

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Positionen mit Perspektiven

EIN STARKES EUROPA FÜR UNTERNEHMERINNEN

Starke Unternehmerinnen für Europa

Obwohl Frauen mehr als die Hälfte der Bevölkerung ausmachen, machen sie weniger als ein Drittel der Unternehmer aus. Als Präsidentin des Europäischen Wirtschafts- und Sozialausschusses ist es mir ein Anliegen, das zu ändern und verstärkte Anreize auf EU-Ebene zu setzen.



Christa Schweng
Präsidentin des EWSA

Die Förderung von Unternehmerinnen ist nicht nur eine Frage der Fairness, sondern auch des betrieblichen und volkswirtschaftlichen Profits.

Unser Binnenmarkt bietet viele Chancen, trotzdem haben Unternehmerinnen oft noch hohe Berge zu erklimmen. Verglichen mit Männern sind sie einem höheren Risiko von Klischees anhängen. Die Förderung von Unternehmerinnen ist nicht nur eine Frage der Fairness, sondern auch des betrieblichen und volkswirtschaftlichen Profits. Darüber hinaus haben Unternehmen mit Frauen in Entscheidungspositionen nachweislich einen besseren Führungsstil, der Vielfalt und innovatives Denken fördert.

Amst trotz Erwerbstätigkeit ausgesetzt und müssen gegen Klischees ankämpfen. Die Förderung von Unternehmerinnen ist nicht nur eine Frage der Fairness, sondern auch des betrieblichen und volkswirtschaftlichen Profits. Darüber hinaus haben Unternehmen mit Frauen in Entscheidungspositionen nachweislich einen besseren Führungsstil, der Vielfalt und innovatives Denken fördert.

Auf EU-Ebene gibt es verschiedene Initiativen zur Unterstützung und besseren Vernetzung von Unternehmerinnen. Ein Beispiel dafür ist das Eurochambres Women Network. Öffentliche Investitionen in digitale Infrastruktur und zur Schaffung von Beratungsstellen sowie gleicher Zugang zu privaten sowie öffentlichen Finanzmitteln sind ein wichtiger Beitrag zur Gleichstellung der Geschlechter. Damit wird es Frauen ermöglicht, ihr volles Potential auszuschöpfen.

2023 wird das Europäische Jahr der Aus- und Weiterbildung. Ein guter Anlass unsere vielen Vorbilder für junge Mädchen und Frauen in Gerechtigkeit hervorzuheben.

Frauen haben ein enormes unternehmerisches Potential. Schaffen wir das entsprechende Mindset!

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→ Union européenne Politique commerciale

3 QUESTIONS À...

Christa Schweng,

Présidente du Comité économique et social européen

1 La Commission européenne a présenté une nouvelle politique commerciale. Est-elle suffisamment proactive selon vous ?
La nouvelle stratégie reprend de nombreux éléments soulevés par notre organisation pendant les consultations publiques, notamment en ce qui concerne le



Christa Schweng

total, l'Union a fourni plus de 182,4 milliards d'euros, ce qui correspond à environ 1,81 % du revenu national brut de l'UE-27. Ce sont là des ressources inédites et importantes. Assurément, les entreprises bénéficieront d'un environnement économique globalement amélioré. Et certaines entreprises, en particulier celles qui sont actives dans le domaine de la transition écologique et numérique, bénéficieront directement des fonds mis à disposition dans le cadre du programme Next Generation EU. Cela s'explique par le fait que 37 % des dépenses sont consacrées aux objectifs climatiques, et 20 % à la transition numérique.

3 Dans quelques semaines s'ouvrira la conférence européenne sur l'avenir de l'Europe. Comment voyez-vous la contribution de la société civile et des entreprises en particulier ?
L'objectif de cette conférence est de rapprocher les citoyens de l'Union européenne. Le CESE considère que la société civile, et en particulier les entreprises, met en lumière des sujets clés liés au fonctionnement de nos économies et de nos sociétés. Leur contribution à la conférence sera essentielle pour donner à l'Europe l'occasion de reconstruire une Europe durable, verte et numérique.

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EESC: Western Balkans must keep advancing along their path to the EU

Europa e migranti. Schweng (Cese): "Nessuno deve perdere la vita in mare"

La presidente del Comitato economico e sociale europeo, Christa Schweng, commenta per il Sir la situazione sull'accoglienza dei migranti nell'Unione europea. Richiama il diritto internazionale ma chiede un impegno solidale a tutti i Paesi membri.

Romania's support for refugees through N appreciated at the European level

Christa Schweng, president of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), is currently present in Romania after attending the "Transforming geopolitical challenges into a success story of the European Union: the contribution of organized civil society" meeting.

Conferința privind Viitorul Europei

"Tablou de bord" pentru monitorizarea recomandărilor cetățenilor europeni

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Ar trebui creat un "tablou de bord" pentru monitorizarea recomandărilor europeni, astfel...

Christa Schweng - The consensus builder



On the table at Maastricht and sweets from Maastricht - the Austria table at Brno please. Christa Schweng receives visitors on the night building where the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) view from the window in the heart of Brussels is breathtaking.

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Marrakech : Mme Schweng met en relief le dialogue très structuré entre le CES européen et le CESE du Maroc

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El día 16, don Kommission, Rats und Parlament bis zum Ende der Legislaturperiode Zeit haben, die notwendig ist, bis zu einer Vertragsverletzung. Aber das muss auch erklären, warum man etwas macht und was nicht.

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Donnerstag, 21. April 2021

Wie soll die Zukunft Europas aussehen?

Im Interview mit der "Wiener Zeitung" skizziert Christa Schweng, die Präsidentin des Europäischen Wirtschafts- und Sozialausschusses (EWSA), wie sich die EU nach der Pandemie weiterentwickeln könnte.

Christa Schweng: Die Krise hat gezeigt, dass wir noch Europa brauchen. Es geht nur darum, dass man die Bürger erheitert und ihnen zeigt, dass sie nicht alleine sind.

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Accompie la riunione di-formale del presidente dei tre gruppi di lavoro del CES (Austria di lavoro, Interventi a società civile) sulla proposta economica per la solidarietà a Kiev. La presidente, Christa Schweng, "C'è una chiara prospettiva europea, il futuro è finalmente concreto"

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TRIBUNE. Thierry Beaudet et Christa Schweng : "Pour une Europe des sociétés civiles"

Thierry Beaudet, président du Conseil économique social et environnemental, et Christa Schweng, présidente du Comité économique et social européen, excellent dans cette tribune que "L'Europe doit faire sa révolution de la participation des sociétés civiles".



FOREWORD

Christa Schweng
President
European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

While we tend to see the future from the digital and green perspectives, we often forget about two other parts of the equation that are just as indispensable – social inclusiveness and democracy. In fact, the former



CESE quer ferramenta para acompanhar implementação das propostas da Conferência sobre o Futuro da Europa



EHSV otvára dvere ukrajinskej občianskej spoločnosti

Mgr. Ján Štefko
EHSV, EP, Občianska spoločnosť, Promote Ukraine, Ukrajina



S cieľom prejať solidaritu s Ukrajinou konkrétneými činnosťami sa Európsky hospodársky a sociálny výbor (EHSV) pripája k iniciatíve Európskeho parlamentu s názvom **Stredisko občianskej spoločnosti pre Ukrajinu** a umožňuje mimovládnej organizácii **Promote Ukraine** využívať časť svojich priestorov v budúce na ulici Piaz de Trilves 74 spolu s logistickým vybavením.



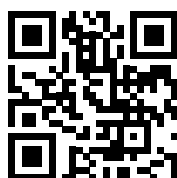


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