Forging alliances for the twin transition: proximity and social economy in the EU's new agenda

Introduction and agenda

We are pleased to invite you to the event "**Forging alliances for the twin transition: proximity and social economy in the EU's new agenda**," which will take place **online** on **6 October 2025** at **10:00-12:00 CEST**.

This event will frame the role of proximity and social economy within the European Commission's new agenda, showcasing their contribution to the twin transition and potential to boost competitiveness and resilience.

Through presentations, expert discussions, and cross-sector dialogues, participants will explore the future of social innovation, the implementation of the Social Economy Action Plan, and the creation of new alliances to drive sustainable and inclusive growth in the proximity and social economy. The agenda will highlight synergies with sectors such as tourism and textiles, and feature insights from initiatives such as the New European Bauhaus, offering actionable strategies for stakeholders.

This event is part of a project commissioned by the European Commission (DG GROW), and it is implemented by EY Belgium, Diesis Network, Euricse and Social Economy Europe.

Timing	Session	Speakers
10:00-10:05	Welcoming remarks	• EY
10:05-10:15	Keynote speech: aligning agendas - skills, research, and alliances for the EU Proximity and Social Economy	• Gianluca Salvatori, EURICSE
10:15-11:05	Panel session: how social economy paves the way to social innovation	• Sarah de Heusch, Social Economy Europe • Sofia Lai Amândio, ESF+ Community of Practice on Social Innovation • Sophia Vlieger de Oliveira, New European Bauhaus, JRC
11:05-11:55	Fireside chat: building cross-ecosystem alliances for competitiveness	• Luca Pastorelli, DIESIS Network • Andreia Barbosa, Humana People to People • Alberto Rudellat, City of Torino • Stefan Chichevaliev, DIESIS Network
11:55-12:00	Concluding remarks	• EY

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