

OBJECT: Appointment of Commissioner in charge of Social Economy

Brussels, June 20th , 2024

Dear Ms Signe Riisalo, Minister of Social Protection

I contact you regarding the nomination of a European Commissioner responsible for the Social Economy.

I am the president of Social Economy Europe, a network that is the voice of 2.8 million social economy enterprises and organisations in Europe. We are the social economy reference point at European level. We are a strategic partner to European institutions and have led on EU policy on the social economy.

During the High-level conference on Social Economy: People, Planet, Action which took place in San Sebastian and the social economy event in Liège last February, 20 member states engaged in supporting the appointment of a European Commissioner.

With this e-mail we invite your government to support the nomination of a European Commissioner responsible for SE. This nomination is crucial to assure the continuity of the Social Economy Action Plan (SEAP) and the development of social economy broadly. If there is anything we can do to help push for this nomination, please let us know. Furthermore, we would deeply appreciate if the European Commissioner could be someone who supports social economy and who has a certain knowledge w in Social Economy .

Lastly, we would highly appreciate if your party could approve the renewal and continuity of the Social Economy Intergroup, a body of vital importance to mainstream social economy's perspective into the legislative and non-legislative work of the European Parliament. The action of the Social Economy Intergroup and its members has been key for the development and approval of the Social Economy Action Plan in 2021. In order to keep social economy high on the political agenda and to make sure the SEAP is being properly implemented, it is crucial to ensure that the European Parliament's Social Economy Intergroup continues.

Your commitment to this cause is invaluable, and we would greatly appreciate your support. If you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Juan Antonio Pedreño
President of Social Economy Europe

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Pedreño", is written over a large, light blue oval scribble.