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DEMOCRATIC

SOCIAL **EUROPEAN SEMESTER**

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KEY MESSAGES

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Enabling civil-society to participate in the shaping of EU policies and to contribute to progress on the Targets of the Europe 2020 Strategy concerns us all!

Ensure a key voice to civil society and trade unions, as well as national and EU Parliaments

- **Develop EU Guidelines on structured dialogue with stakeholders, particularly Civil Society Organisations and Social Partners and monitor quality of engagement actively**
- **Encourage increased financial and logistical support**
- **Consider annexing contributions to the NRP**
- **Embed partnership role of EP, also CoR and EESC**

Refocus European Semester on balanced Europe 2020 agenda to promote sustainable and inclusive growth, and equality, including gender

- Deliver Juncker's pledge of a union of shared values with economic policies to deliver on social/environmental objectives
- Affirm commitment to Europe 2020 targets to deliver long-term prosperity, sustainable development and

A European Semester, backed by integrated strategies to deliver on targets, including social investment, more and better jobs, sustainable development, gender equality

- Mainstream EU initiatives which reflect the kind of EU and economy we want – eg social investment, more and better jobs etc.

Greater coherence and transparency in decision-making, delivery on Europe 2020 targets and on CSRs on Europe 2020 targets

- Demonstrate link between CSRs and Europe 2020 targets, balancing evidence of economic/social, equality and environment data
- Equal roles for social/environmental/climate DGs/officers/Council committees.

Ensure impact on policy using ex-ante social gender and environmental impact assessments and revised indicators

- Current lack of coherence between economic and other policies
- Impact assessment could prevent negative decisions if trigger policy change
- Calculate social/environmental costs in medium and long-term, also of inaction

Improve links with Semester, deliver on targets in Structural and Innovation Funds

- ESIF to support Europe 2020 priorities with ex- ante conditionalities
- Must be implemented and monitored, together with stakeholders and Parliaments
- Funds should be made available to support engagement in Semester Process at national level ie with European Semester Officer

AGS 2016: Where are the Europe 2020 goals of sustainable and inclusive growth?

- **Can market-led investment in growth deliver** on quality jobs, affordable social and health services and social protection?
- **Environmental and climate** policies not seen as part of the solution
- **More focus on participation needed**

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