



## ACCELERATING POLICY FOR IMPACT

Key initiatives in the  
European ecosystem

This timeline shows key European policy initiatives paving the way for a favourable social investment space. It features both major policy actions at European and multilateral level, including growing funding opportunities, and EVPA initiatives. Let's co-create an even more ambitious path with positive social and environmental impact at its core!

### EVPA and its policy work

The European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA) is a lively community of organisations that invest in the creation of positive social impact. As a Thought Leader within the impact space, EVPA monitors and communicates noteworthy developments in the sector at European and national level, and voices the concerns and expectations of its network to policymakers. As Catalyst, EVPA connects relevant stakeholders and facilitates conversation and collaboration between them on key policy topics.

# EVPA



EVPA is an active stakeholder in the **GECES** (Expert Group on Social Entrepreneurship)



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2024



**Partnership with the European Commission (DG EMPL)**  
Promoting social enterprise finance



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**CEE Social Investment Taskforce**  
Building a social investment movement in Central and Eastern Europe



Contribution to the European standard on **impact Measurement & Management**

EVPA in the European Commission's (DG RTD) **Expert Group on Venture Philanthropy and Social Investments**



EVPA's **National Policy Nexus** Enabling best policy sharing across countries

**Investing for Impact**  
Narrative launch

2011      2012      2013      2014      2015      2016      2017      2018      2019      2020      2021-2027...



**Social Business Initiative (SBI):**  
Action plan to support the development of social enterprises, social economy and social innovation



**European Social Entrepreneurship Fund (EuSEF) regulation:**  
A label for investment schemes that focus on social enterprises



Social enterprises become an investment priority in the **European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)**

**Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA):** Global framework for financing sustainable development

**UN Paris Agreement:** World-wide agreement to combat the climate crisis

**SBI Start-up Scale-up Initiative:** Improving the conditions for start-ups to scale-up, create more jobs and enhance Europe's competitiveness

**European Pillar of Social Rights:** 20 principles



**EU Advisory Board:** joint initiative of EIB, EIF and European Commission  
Promoting a joint agenda for fostering social entrepreneurship and social inclusion



**European Social Economy Regions (ESER):** Building effective networks between stakeholders and raise awareness about the social economy at regional and local level

## EU and multilateral policies

## Increase in EU Funding

**European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI):** Total guarantee = **€26b**, expected investment mobilisation = **€500b**  
Supporting strategic investments in energy efficiency, environment, education, social projects and SMEs, etc.

**EU programme for Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI):** Total budget = **€919m**  
Promoting sustainable employment, decent social protection, social inclusion, no poverty and good working conditions

**European Social Fund (ESF):** Total budget = **€80b**  
Supporting jobs, helping people get better jobs and ensuring fairer job opportunities for all EU citizens

**Social Impact Accelerator (SIA):** Total budget = **€243m**, combining resources from EIB group and external investors  
Addressing the growing need for availability of equity finance to support social enterprises through a pan-European public-private partnership, operating as a fund-of-funds



**InvestEU:** Guarantee = **€38b**  
Expected mobilisation = **€650b**

Supporting investment and access to finance in the EU

**ESF+:** Budget = **€101.2b**  
Making the European Pillar of Social Rights a reality on the ground

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