

**Question for written answer E-001554/2023/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: External dimension of the social economy

On 18 April 2023, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution¹ that recognises the role of the social economy in implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development globally.

The Commission committed to promoting the social economy internationally in the social economy action plan (SEAP)², and Parliament has called on the Commission and the European External Action Service to turn that commitment into action³.

Although many multiannual indicative programmes include objectives in relation to the green transition and fostering social inclusion that could be achieved by promoting and supporting the social economy, support for social economy entities in Latin America, Africa and Asia does not seem to have been given the importance that the SEAP and Parliament had envisaged.

In the light of this:

1. How will the Commission ensure that everyone involved implements the commitments of the SEAP externally going forward, including through policy dialogues, international partnership frameworks, trade agreements and programming?
2. Will it include a call for the Member States to devote adequate resources to supporting the social economy in partner countries in its upcoming proposal for a Council recommendation on social economy framework conditions?
3. How will it involve social economy players in partner countries in the implementation of the Global Gateway initiative⁴?

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¹ <https://www.undocs.org/A/77/L.60>.

² <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1537&langId=en>.

³ European Parliament resolution of 6 July 2022 on the EU action plan for the social economy (OJ C 47, 7.2.2023, p. 171).

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/stronger-europe-world/global-gateway_en.