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## Register and join the CEEP Webinar on Smart Sector Integration on 15/09

On Tuesday 15 September, CEEP will organise from 15:00 to 16:00 a webinar on “Smart Sector Integration and beyond - How SGIs can contribute to its success”.

For this session, we will welcome MEP Maria Spyraiki (EPP, Greece, ITRE - committee on Industry, Research and Energy) and Antonio Lopez-Nicolas, Deputy Head of the Renewable Energy Unit at DG ENER of the European Commission, to the panel discussion:

You can view the [draft agenda here](#), and contact [Henriette Gleau](#), CEEP Policy Officer Sustainability, to register.

## SOCIAL AFFAIRS BOARD

### CEEP response to the second-stage consultation of the social partners on minimum wage

On 3 June 2020, the European Commission launched the [second-stage consultation](#) of the EU social partners on how to ensure fair minimum wages for all workers in the EU. A political priority for the European Commission, this initiative would support the implementation of Principle 6 of the [European Pillar of Social Rights](#) on wages, which is a shared responsibility of Member States, social partners and EU institutions. Both legislative (i.e. a Directive in the area of working conditions) and non-legislative instruments (i.e. a Council Recommendation) are considered by the European Commission. CEEP submitted today its [response to this second-stage consultation](#). CEEP argues in the response that pursuing a directive would be a way to circumvent the EU treaties and eventually intervene in a domain of full national authority. CEEP members believe that there may be a possible way forward by bringing together non-legislative instruments with a possible Council Recommendation.

A Council Recommendation could offer sufficient margins of manoeuvre to Member States and would help steer further actions within the framework of the European Semester. Finally, CEEP would be open to further exploring with the EU cross-sectoral social partners the possibility to negotiate the content of a Council Recommendation to improve minimum wage frameworks.

The next step of this process is either negotiations between social partners with a view to concluding an agreement under Article 155 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU), or the presentation of a proposal directly by the European Commission should there be no path for social partners to discuss.

## SUSTAINABILITY BOARD

### **CEEP response to the evaluation on the Sewage Sludge Directive**

On 25 August, CEEP responded to the European Commission's roadmap on the Sewage Sludge Directive, a very important and long overdue evaluation of the waste-water treatment and the water sector. Since the environmental circumstances and the consumption behaviour of society and the industry have substantially changed over the last three decades, CEEP sees it as highly necessary to align the Directive to the current challenges of climate change and EU policies.

Increased and improved treatment of water on one end will de facto produce more sludge as well as higher pollutant concentrations on the other end. These resources represent a great potential in a circular economy –with material or energy recovery. However, there is also a risk that this opportunity remains insufficiently addressed and unexploited.

At the same time, CEEP highlighted the importance of ensuring that the evaluation of the Sludge Directive is in line with the revision of the Urban Waste-Water Treatment Directive (UWWTD), since both address the issues for more efficient waste-water management treatment across Europe and the issues of energy and resource efficiency that play a central role in its modernisation progress towards the objective of the EU Green Deal.

You can read and download the [full response from CEEP here](#).

## PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD

### **CEEP Input to the European Commission Roadmap Consultation on High Value Datasets**

CEEP followed the legislative procedures of the Re-use of Public Sector Information very closely over the past two years. The Directive on open data and the re-use of public sector information, also known as the 'Open Data Directive' ([Directive \(EU\) 2019/1024](#)) aims to make public sector and publicly funded data re-usable. It addresses material held by public sector bodies in the Member States such as ministries, state agencies and municipalities, as well as organisations funded mostly by or under the control of public

authorities. The Directive wants to stimulate the publishing of dynamic data and enlarge its scope to data held by public undertakings and research data resulting from public funding as well as strengthen the transparency requirements for public–private agreements involving public sector information, avoiding exclusive arrangements.

In addition, the Open Data Directive requires the adoption by the Commission via an implementing act of a list of high-value datasets to be provided free of charge. Annex I to the Directive enumerates the following six categories of HVDs, largely aligned with the thematic scope of the policy measures referred to above: Geospatial, earth observation and environment, meteorological, statistics, companies and company ownership and Mobility. The Commission wants to adopt the list of specific high value datasets in 2021.

A cross-board working group dealing with current data initiatives of the Commission in cooperation with several CEEP boards and task forces has prepared and submitted its input to the roadmap consultation on these High Value Datasets ([available here](#)) and addressed today its problems and questions on these Datasets to the Commission in a public hearing.

## PROJECTS & EVENTS

### **Growing Europe Conference: Booting Migrant Entrepreneurship Networks**

In the framework of the [LABOUR INT 2](#) cooperation, CEEP is glad to share the information circulated by the Diesis Network, in collaboration with M-UP and MAGNET, regarding an online conference on migrant entrepreneurship that will bring together migrants, refugees, policy makers, NGOs and the public and private sector to focus on "[Growing Europe. Boosting Migrant entrepreneurship networks](#)". The conference is organized in the framework of the [EMEN project](#) and will take place online in September: the 10<sup>th</sup>, the 17<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup> from 2.30 to 4.40 pm CEST. There will be several online sessions on many topics linked to migrant entrepreneurship. You can discover all the sessions, agendas, speakers and register by clicking [here](#).

Should you wish to receive more information regarding the conference or the LABOUR INT 2 project, do not hesitate to contact CEEP Project Manager, [Carlotta Astori](#).