

2025 SSE at a Glance



In 2025, Social Services Europe (SSE) maintained its operational continuity through presidency rotation and a complete transition of its professional Secretariat. Following the annual cycle, Thomas Bignal (EASPD) succeeded Aad Koster (EAN) as President on 1 July, with Alicia Gomez Campos (EPR) taking over as Vice-President.

All Secretariat staff positions changed over the course of the year, Mila Shamku succeeded Mathias Maucher as Coordinator on 1 October 2025. Vasiliki Poulaki succeeded Sofia Alexandra Santos Nunes as Project Officer on 1 September 2025.

Internal Coordination

- 2 General Assemblies
- 7 Board meetings
- 9 General Working Group meetings
- 2 Taskforce meetings dedicated to the Social Economy Action Plan

Policy & Advocacy Work

- 7 EC Calls for Evidence: AI Strategy, MFF, Public Procurement, SGEI state aid
- 3 Position Papers: MFF and on Public Procurement
- 1 Technical Report: AI in Social Services

Projects

- Care4Skills (C4S): launch of the Large-Scale Partnership for Long-Term Care with 40 registered members
- 2 new project proposals; ultimately not selected for funding
- INSPIRE Project: technical contribution

Institutional Engagement

- EC: 5 direct meetings (DG JUST, DG COMP, DG EMPL and Cabinet Dombrovskis)
- European Parliament: Advocacy on ESF+ and the MFF; meeting with the Cabinet of President Metsola
- Member States: meeting with the German Ministry for Employment and Social Affairs

Events & Visibility

- Full participation in all GECES meetings
- 3 Co-organised EU-level webinars and workshops
- 11 Direct interventions by SSE representatives at external conferences
- 900 LinkedIn followers
- 2,803 Website visits

Highlights

- ✓ 1 New official member organization - CECOP
- ✓ 40% Yearly membership fee increase approved to ensure financial sustainability