



SOCIAL
PLATFORM
IMPACT
REPORT
2023

OUR MISSION

For almost 30 years, Social Platform's mission has been to champion a more social Europe.

Together with our diverse membership, we strive towards a society based on social justice where everyone's needs are heard and included in EU policies.

WE CALL FOR:

- A just transition to greener, fairer societies
- Fair working and living conditions for all
- Strong civil society
- Reaching Agenda 2030 targets



OUR IMPACT

In 2023 we worked to bring dignity, wellbeing, and respect for human rights into policymaking and civil society spaces across Europe. Here's how:



We influence



We learn



We reach out



We plan ahead



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WE INFLUENCE

A reliable and experienced interlocutor at EU level, we are a megaphone for the voices of citizens and civil society organisations who fight for social justice. We make sure that social rights and equality are mainstreamed in EU policy-making.



WE INFLUENCE

IN 2023, SOCIAL PLATFORM...

advocated for the future of the European Pillar of Social Rights

The future of the Social Pillar can't be taken for granted. Throughout the year, Social Platform spoke up for strengthening commitment to the Pillar including the revision of the Action Plan.

brought the demands of our network directly to EU policy-makers

2 years on from the Porto Social Summit, Social Platform's President joined heads of state and decision makers from the European Commission and the European Parliament at the Porto Social Forum to assess the progress being made and to deliver our core messages directly to EU leaders.

laid the groundwork for the EU elections party manifestos

With the countdown to the EU elections in 2024 already on, Social Platform made sure that our social rights network was represented in all political party consultations, putting forward key ideas and demands to shape the future of Social Europe.



**WE
LEARN**

Through coordinating a wide range of Task Forces, Working Groups and Peer Learning Networks, the Social Platform is constantly learning from and with our members on how we can maximise and strengthen our impact.



WE LEARN

IN 2023, SOCIAL PLATFORM...

focused on enhancing diversity and inclusion in our organisation

Our diversity and inclusion charter is focused on encouraging inclusion and increasing participation of diverse members in our network. The document covers Social Platform, its internal recruitment and its membership aiming to foster overall greater inclusion of the groups in vulnerable situations that they represent.

coordinated 5 Social Learning Platforms

increasing our members' knowledge and capacity on: Gender Equality and the Work-Life-Balance Directive, wellbeing, minimum income focusing on our Over the Line campaign, social economy and EPSCO topics prioritised in the Spanish EU Presidency.

strengthened civil society expertise on how to navigate the European Semester

empowering members and wider civil society to understand and utilise the Semester in their advocacy work, exploring effective methods to influence the process, explaining ways to engage and key moments.

WE REACH OUT

The strong, collective voice of Social Platform channels the concerns, demands and needs of those we represent & ensures that they are heard and amplified at European level.





WE REACH OUT

IN 2023, SOCIAL PLATFORM...

strengthened our Over the Line campaign for a minimum income directive

by bringing together MEPs and members for a manifestation outside the European Parliament, contributing to the adoption of robust council recommendation on adequate minimum income and bringing coverage of the issue to EU media.

launched the Civil Society for EU campaign

We joined forces with Civil Society Europe to put civil society voices high on the agenda in the run-up to the EU elections. Our campaign manifesto calls on the future European Parliament and Commission to adopt an EU-wide Civil Society Strategy and an Agreement on Civil Dialogue.

Campaigned for sustainable, fair EU economic governance

As part of the civil society coalition 'Fiscal Matters', we advocated for new EU fiscal rules that would enable much-needed green and social investments to tackle poverty and prepare for the just transition.



**WE
PLAN
AHEAD**

We take a proactive approach to our advocacy and capacity building; we aim to lead the way for those we represent, anticipating where Social Platform will be needed most and planning ahead to ensure we use our expertise to maximum effect.



WE PLAN AHEAD

IN 2023, SOCIAL PLATFORM...

partnered with the Council of Europe to expand civil society expertise on the Social Charter

creating a dynamic space for peer-learning, roundtable discussion and high-level engagement. Brought the European Social Charter's role in safeguarding and advancing social rights closer to civil society.

bridged the gap between research and policy-making

through our key role in European-wide research projects Euroship and SPES (sustainability performances, evidence and scenarios). The final conference of Euroship took place in June 2023.

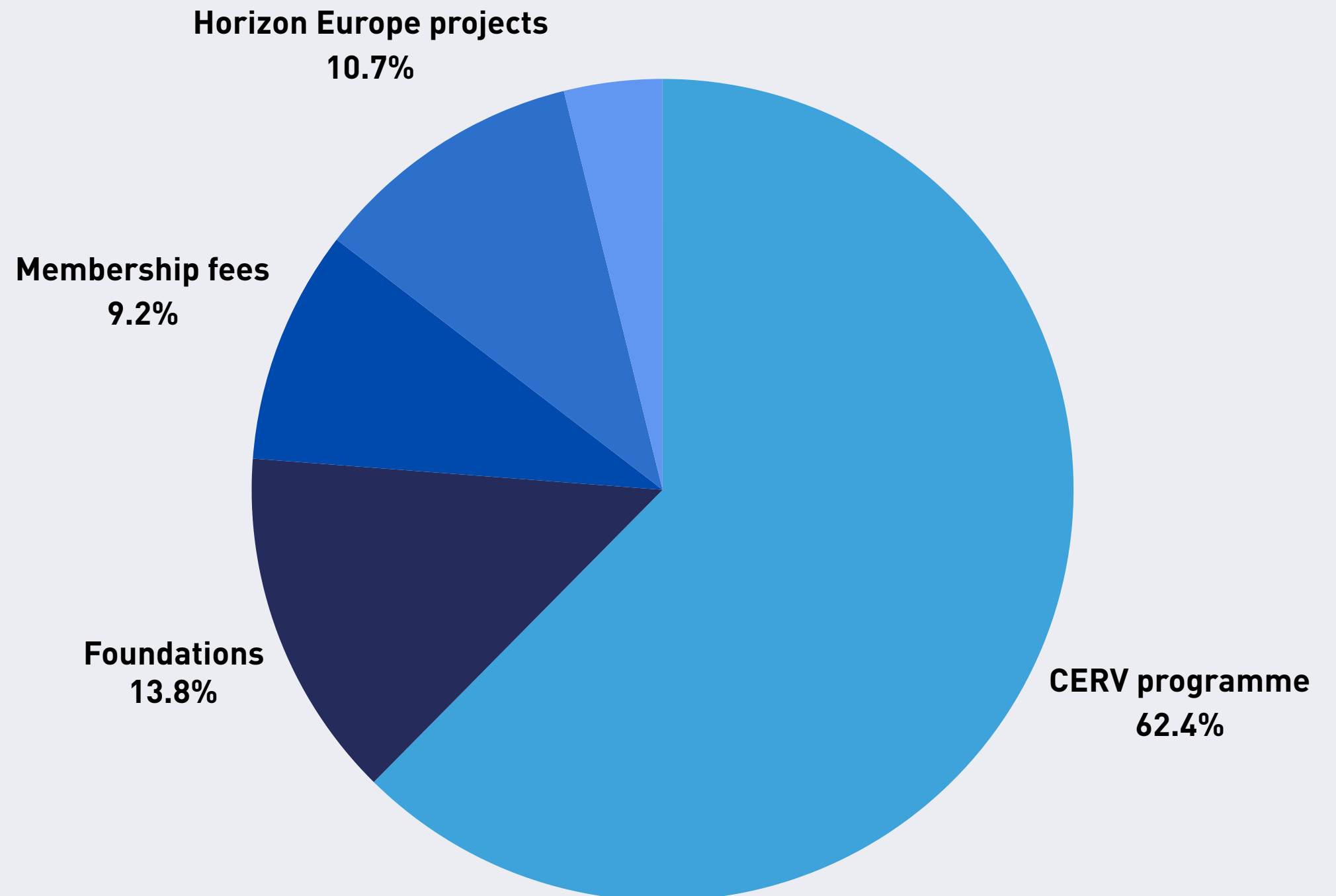
established new positions and policy recommendations

Through consultation processes with our membership network, we have expanded our advocacy positions on the European job guarantee, the just transition, the reform of the European economic governance and the European semester.



OUR FUNDING

In 2023 Social Platform received €618,666 in funding for its operations and activities from the following sources:



From women and LGBTIQ persons to migrants, from children, youth and older people to individuals with disabilities, from families and carers to people living in poverty and victims of discrimination and violence, the work of our members reflects the diversity of Europe.

Our members are composed of:

- **equality networks**
- **non-profit service provider organisations**
- **social enterprises**



**OUR
NETWORK**

2024-29 VISION

In the context of the EU elections, Social Platform renewed our call for people to be at the heart of policy-making to guarantee social progress for the 2024-2029 mandate.

Discover our [5 overarching policy demands](#).



2024 AND BEYOND





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