

**"Together to create new growth"**  
**"Social entrepreneurship & social economy: Developing a European ecosystem to unlock social innovation, growth and jobs"**  
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Since 2008 Conny Reuter has been President of [Social Platform](#), the largest civil society alliance of Social NGOs fighting for social justice and participatory democracy in Europe, consisting of 45 pan-European networks of NGOs.

Social Platform promotes social rights and the protection of fundamental rights in internal market policies and competition regulations

The Social Services of General Interest (SSGI) provided by our members are non profit making and function in the social sphere; some of the services are considered as economic and some of them function in the context of the social economy. For example many of our members work for the social inclusion and integration into the labour market of people who face discrimination or are at risk of social exclusion. For this reason Social Platform members are directly interested in the Commission's work on social business and in some other relevant proposals of the Single Market Act.

We advocate for a social cohesion policy to accompany the single market to achieve a "social market economy" (art. 3.3 TEU) and we consider that public services and social economy play an essential role to achieve this goal.

[Social Platform's response to the Single Market Act](#) contains recommendations on how to strengthen the social dimension of the single market. Our [response to the Green paper on the modernisation of EU public procurement](#) makes proposals on how to simplify public procurement rules for social services to enable them to better accomplish their mission and on how to use those rules to achieve other societal and social policy goals. Our [recommendations on the reform of state aid rules applicable to SGEI](#) suggest how competition rules can be simplified for social services and social enterprises to fulfil their mission of general interest.

Since 2006 Conny Reuter has also been Secretary General of [SOLIDAR](#) (which is a member of Social Platform), a European network of NGOs working to advance social justice in Europe and worldwide, whose fields of activity are Social Affairs, International Cooperation and Education.

His background is in international youth and social work, where he worked on innovative programmes like Franco German programmes for young unemployed and the VOLTAIRE-Programme.