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Renewable energy, energy infrastructure & networks &	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Energy, resources & climate change • [partly] Competition & regulatory framework 	Incl. CSRs on renewables, infrastructure and competition issues in the energy sector, reforms to promote renewable energy, cross-border energy interconnections, etc.
Energy efficiency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Energy, resources & climate change 	Incl. CSRs on energy efficiency, reforms to promote energy efficiency, etc.
Climate adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Energy, resources & climate change 	Incl. CSRs on spatial planning linked to the regions concerned by floods, incorporation of climate-related risks in budgetary planning, governance and macro-fiscal institutional arrangements, etc.
Environmental policy & resource management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Energy, resources & climate change 	Incl. CSRs on water and waste management and other resources, circular economy, pollution prevention and control and the protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems, reforms to promote environmental policy and resource management, etc.
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport • [partly] Competition & regulatory framework • [partly] Energy, resources & climate change 	Incl. CSRs on infrastructure and competition issues in the transport sector, investment in sustainable transport (including non road mobile machinery), modal shift, accessibility, demand-side measures, etc.
Digital connectivity, infrastructure & market functioning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telecom, postal services & local public services • [partly] Competition & regulatory framework • [partly] Energy, resources & climate change 	Incl. CSRs on infrastructure and competition issues in the telecom sector, cross-border interconnectivity, accessibility, digital capacities and deployment of advanced technologies, etc.

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Digitalisation of businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Telecom, postal services & local public services • [partly] Research & innovation 	Incl. CSRs related to the digitalisation of businesses and SMEs, e-commerce, etc.
Digitalisation of public administration and public services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Public administration • [partly] Business environment 	Incl. CSRs related to the digitalisation of public administration, e-Government, etc.
Business environment (incl. SME policies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business environment 	Incl. CSRs on the number of conditions to start a business or to grow an existing firm, support measures to SMEs, reduce the regulatory burden, requirements/permits, etc.
Single market, competition & state aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Competition & regulatory framework • Competition in services 	Incl. CSRs on market fragmentation, competition authorities, barriers to trade in goods and services, restrictions to competition, state aid, deregulation/ opening up of specific sectors such as postal services, professional services, retail, construction, support to large enterprises, industrialisation and reindustrialization, etc.
State-owned enterprises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-owned enterprises 	Incl. CSRs on privatisation and improvements in governance of SOEs, etc.
Public procurement & concessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Public administration 	Incl. CSRs to improve public procurement & concessions, etc.
Research & innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Research & innovation 	Incl. CSRs on public and private research and innovation systems, policies to stimulate research and innovation in the private sector, evaluation of research institutions, creation of competitiveness poles, CSRs on green and digital R&D&I, etc.

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Functioning of the labour market, including framework for labour contracts & undeclared work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment protection legislation & framework for labour contracts • [partly] Incentives to work, job creation, labour market participation 	Incl. CSRs on tackling labour market segmentation and promoting permanent employment, flexible working arrangements, fighting of undeclared work, the performance of labour inspectorate, improving the functioning of social dialogue, etc.
Active labour market policies, incentives to work & labour market participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active labour market policies • [partly] Incentives to work, job creation, labour market participation 	Incl. CSRs on public employment services' capacity and effectiveness, the interaction between taxes and benefits to (des)incentivize work, etc.
Non-discrimination and equal opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Incentives to work, job creation, labour market participation 	Incl. CSRs on gender employment and pay gaps, disadvantaged groups in the labour market (e.g. disability employment gaps, integration of migrants) and access to quality mainstream education systems (e.g. for Roma pupils), etc.
Wages & wage setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wages & wage setting 	Incl. CSRs on the regulation of collective wage bargaining, the minimum wage, etc.
Skills, Vocational Education and Training & adult learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Skills & life-long learning 	Excl. school and university education. Incl. CSRs on upskilling/reskilling vulnerable people, addressing skills shortages and skills mismatches, continuous adult learning, forecasting of skills, etc.
Pension systems and active ageing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Long-term sustainability of public finances, incl. pensions 	Incl. CSRs on adequacy & sustainability of pensions, longer working lives (for sustainability purposes), early retirement, etc.

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Poverty, social inclusion & social protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty reduction & social inclusion • Unemployment benefits 	Incl. CSRs on poverty and social exclusion risks, economic inequality, homelessness, social housing, child benefits and family support, in-work benefits, active inclusion, minimum income schemes, improvement of effectiveness of social protection schemes, access to social protection, income replacement and adequacy of unemployment benefits, access to quality social services, independent living/ deinstitutionalisation etc.
Regional development & local public services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Telecom, postal services & local public services 	Incl. CSRs on local public services, to tackle regional disparities, promote convergence, social, economic and territorial cohesion across regions, infrastructure accessibility etc.
Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Health & long-term care 	Incl. CSRs on accessibility, adequacy & sustainability of the healthcare, resilience, efficiency & quality of the systems, outpatient and primary care, prevention, addressing shortages of professionals, supply of medical products, development of e-Health, etc.
Long-term care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Health & long-term care 	Incl. CSRs on accessibility, adequacy & sustainability of long-term care systems, resilience, efficiency & quality of the systems, etc.
Budgetary framework and fiscal governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal policy & fiscal governance • [partly] Long-term sustainability of public finances, incl. pensions 	Incl. CSRs on fiscal framework (budgetary process, coordination of fiscal policy, expenditure management, independent fiscal institutions...) & SGP-related CSRs, green budgeting, climate- and climate policy related opportunities for and risks to the sustainability of public finances, etc.

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Taxation policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Reduce the tax burden on labour • [partly] Broaden tax bases • [partly] Reduce the debt bias 	<p>Incl. CSRs on shifting taxes away from labour towards sources less detrimental to growth and in line with the twin green and digital transition, on base broadening in income taxes, on progressivity/ or improving the inequality reducing impact of taxation, on reducing debt bias in personal income taxation, taxation of financial services and gains from financial markets transactions etc.</p> <p>Incl. CSRs on reducing debt bias in corporate income taxation, on base broadening in corporate taxation, on limiting the scope and number of tax expenditures in corporate income taxation, etc.</p> <p>Incl. CSRs for base broadening in VAT, excise duties, green/environmental taxes, eliminating environmentally harmful subsidies, etc.</p>
Tax administration, tax evasion & tax avoidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fight against tax evasion, improve tax administration & tackle tax avoidance • [partly] Shadow economy and corruption • [partly] Public administration 	<p>Incl. CSRs on improving tax and customs administration, improving the efficiency of the tax system, improving tax collection & tax compliance, fighting tax evasion & aggressive tax planning, fighting the informal economy (excl. fighting undeclared work), tax strategies to tackle the shadow economy, etc.</p>
Financial services and financial stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial services 	<p>Incl. CSRs on macro-prudential or supervisory issues in the banking, insurance companies and private pension funds, on corporate governance, Deposit Guarantee Scheme, etc.</p>
Access to finance & growth financing (incl. CMU)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to finance 	<p>Incl. CSRs on bank finance and development of and access to venture and growth capital, development of equity markets, promotion of alternative sources of finance, sustainable finance and financial literacy, etc.</p>

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Anti-money laundering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Fight against tax evasion, improve tax administration & tackle tax avoidance • [partly] Financial services 	Incl. CSRs on AML framework, supervision and financial intelligence, prosecution, risk assessment, etc.
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing market 	Incl. CSRs on the housing market and the links with the financial sector (e.g. macroprudential policies, mortgage credit market developments), house price developments, housing supply, etc. Excl. CSRs on social housing.
Private sector debt & insolvency framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private indebtedness • Insolvency Framework • [partly] Business environment 	Incl. CSRs to monitor and reduce private sector indebtedness, restructuring solutions, improve payment discipline, insolvency & foreclosure frameworks, insolvency & recovery proceedings, collateral enforcement, asset quality etc.
Public administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Public administration 	Incl. CSRs to enhance the effectiveness or independence of the public administration, including regulators, improving access, capacity and performance of regional and local administration, or improving the collaboration between different layers of government, CSRs to enhance the administrative capacities at different levels in view of the twin green and digital transition, etc.
Corruption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Shadow economy & corruption 	Incl. CSRs on anti-corruption framework & reforms, etc.
Justice system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Civil justice 	Incl. CSRs on improvements in efficiency or quality in the judicial system, contract enforcement and reforms to promote mediation and alternative dispute resolution mechanism, judicial independence, etc.

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Quality of law making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [partly] Public Administration • [partly] Competition & regulatory framework • [partly] Business environment 	<p>Incl. CSRs to improve the quality of legislation e.g. through impact assessment, ex post evaluation of legislation, engagement with stakeholders (excl. social dialogue for the functioning of the labour market) and public consultations, to improve the stability of the legislative framework, CSRs on checks & balances, including effectiveness of oversight institutions like the supreme audit, competition bodies, etc. to the extent they have a bearing on the investment climate and business environment.</p>
Early childhood education & care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare and early childhood education 	<p>Incl. CSRs on access, affordability and quality of childhood education & care, etc.</p>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education 	<p>Excluding skills, vocational education and training, adult learning.</p> <p>Incl. school and university education. Incl. CSRs on improving educational outcomes, improving and investing in the performance, capacity, labour market relevance, green and digital education and teaching of digital competences, inclusiveness of the education system, etc.</p>