

THE COSI PROJECT

In the summer of 2015 Global Citizen and its partners¹ succeeded to get financial support (EUR 140,000) from the European Commission for the so-called COSI-project. COSI, which was a working title, stands for *Community of Sustainability Innovation*. The project was finalised on Mai 31,2017 and a report was handed in to the European Commission as prescribed.

Final reports tend to be backward looking in the sense that they record what happened. This all good and fine and it serves a formal purpose. The idea with the report below is more forward looking and should serve to ensure that the results of the COSI-project will be used as a step stone for further activities to fulfil a profound vision: To strengthen citizen-to-citizen participation for one sustainable world.

We are more than 7,5 billion people in the world today. 7 billion people live outside the EU, some 500 million within. The citizens of the European Union are a fraction of the total world population. Still, the EU is the largest economy in the world, and the European Union is the first (and only) serious attempt to ensure a true cross-border democracy.

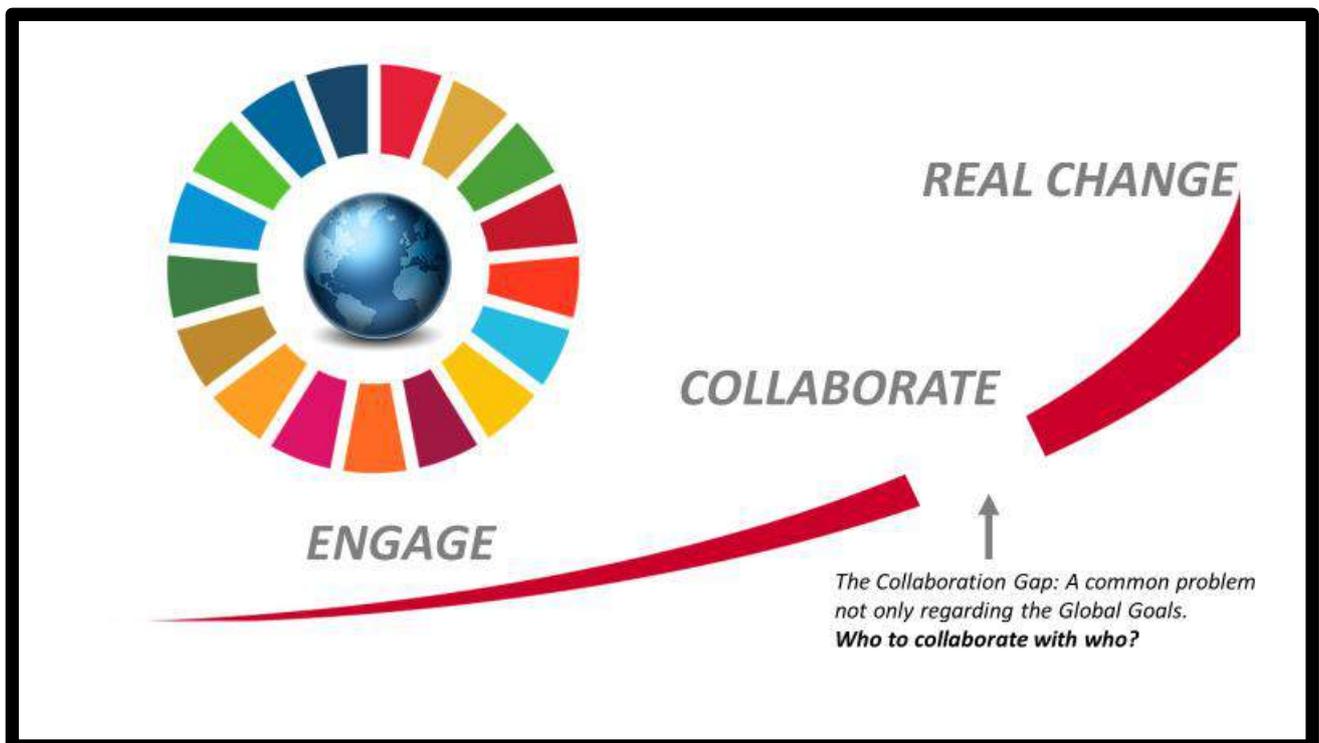
We, in the European Union, must set an example, not only in terms of *formal* democracy, but also in terms of *informal*, participatory democracy. We must try to develop a new form of a European-global infrastructure to further citizen-to-citizen trust, engagement and collaboration for one sustainable world.

The COSI project led to many results, some of which have been described below. Based on these results Global Citizen, together with present and incoming partners will now take part in the USD 5 million Global Challenge Prize 2017, launched by the Global Challenge Foundation: The New Shape – Remodelling Global Cooperation.

¹ The partners were (1) Associazione ARCI (2) European Network for Social Innovation and Solidarity (3) Rural Youth Europe (4) Citizens for Europe. Finally, SDG Watch Europe entered the project as an in-formal, but important partner.

THE PROBLEM WE WANT TO SOLVE

To put things in perspective, the COSI-project was (and is) all about taking the first steps towards the establishment of a Massive-scale Collaboration Platform. This could also be labelled as the 2nd and the 3rd generation of a social media platforms. In a broader context, these platforms must be elements in an informal participatory infrastructure for citizen-to-citizen trust, engagement and collaboration as described below under the headline Waves of Trust. To get a clearer idea of what this is all about, this illustration might be helpful:



We all want to see real change in a world that have surpassed 7,5 billion people. We need one sustainable world, but this is not easy to obtain. Not only do we need to engage ourselves and our fellow European and global citizens in the challenges we have in common. The problem is, that is very hard to find the right persons to collaborate with, in a highly complex world. This is the problem we intend to help solving via the Spotter Global Platform. Please see the screen dumps below.



The complexity that we need to deal with in today's globalised world is immense and summed up in the Global Goals which the European Union and its citizens must help implementing before 2030. That will require new platforms like Spotter Global and an overall strategy for setting up a coherent informal infrastructure for citizen-to-citizen trust, engagement and collaboration. In parallel with the COSI project we have sketched out what such a strategy must contain. Until recently the strategy was called The Wave, then New Ways – and now Waves of Trust (still a working title):

WAVES OF TRUST

Waves of Trust is a strategic seven-point, EUR 1 billion plan, indicating what it takes to set up a European and global, participatory, citizen-to-citizen infrastructure for making the Global Goals come true. Point three in the plan is called “Solve” and is a headline pointing towards the need for a Spotter Global Platform where those that can and should collaborate are able to easily find each other and co-create solutions.

To be more precise the seven points in Waves of Trust have the headlines Engage / Meet / Learn / Solve / Demonstrate / Organise / Finance. Several of these headlines and strategic points have been reflected in the specific activities within the COSI-project. For instance, we have held several face-to-face meetings reflecting the insight that humans need to “Meet” to create trust.

Also, the third meeting focused on the MFF taps into the important headline “Finance”. Eventually, all the positive intentions behind the Global Goals will have to be financed, but how? This is where the EU will have to take the lead.

WAVES OF TRUST

INFORMAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CITIZEN-TO-CITIZEN TRUST, ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION FOR THE GLOBAL GOALS

WAVES OF TRUST should be able to invest EUR 1 billion annually in seven strategic focus areas for implementing the Global Goals. The point of departure is that we, as a world society, are at a crossroads. Should our children and grandchildren have a chance to live a good life in continuing development?

WAVES OF TRUST is a YES to this question, as well as an aim to ensure that economic growth and sustainable development go hand in hand. Now, the task is to ensure the cohesiveness, strength and synergy that is lacking in today’s efforts towards economic, social and environmental sustainability.

WAVES OF TRUST will connect and empower the specific activities for trust, engagement and collaboration. The investment, which will primarily be financed through a cooperation of the world’s 1,000 largest banks, insurance companies and pension funds, will *boost* many cross-sector activities. These activities are crucial if we are to succeed in implementing the Global Goals.

1. ENGAGE

WAVES OF TRUST will support activities where we, as citizens, can engage ourselves and each other in the work with the Global Goals. It is necessary to highlight the common problems and possibilities in WAVES OF TRUST, and engage as many fellow global citizens as possible. Culture, in the broadest meaning of the word,

will play a significant role, parallel with new “global public service media”. In the first round, the aim is to gather 10,000, then 100,000 and in five years 1,000,000 global citizens who can *take the lead*. Cooperating with banks, insurance companies and pension funds, they will secure investments for USD 1 billion per year.

2. MEET

WAVES OF TRUST will support the effort to gather at least 100,000 young people every year across country borders. They will live together for at least 14 days at approx. 50-100 informal “folk high schools” all over the world. Here, the participants will have the opportunity to share knowledge, build networks and friendships - and together develop the necessary sustainable products, services, and solutions that are necessary in a world that will inhabit 9 billion people in 2050. Also, WAVES OF TRUST will support the establishment of contact point offices at 1.000 universities all over the world, and hold an annually summit, gathering 10.000 key stakeholders that daily focuses on the Global Goals.

3. LEARN

WAVES OF TRUST will support the development of *state of the art* education materials and courses. An openly available curriculum for basic knowledge about sustainability that is strong, thorough, easily accessible and exciting enough that people all over the world will use the offer. Lifelong learning that will benefit millions of citizens on a global scale. Furthermore, it will be a form of learning that naturally leads to innovation and entrepreneurship - learning with the goal of solving. Millions of working hours are waiting to be activated for the benefit of the Global Goals.

4. SOLVE

WAVES OF TRUST will support the development of a Massive-scale Online Collaboration Platform that will make it possible for millions of citizens to innovate and implement the sustainable solution of tomorrow. They are solutions e.g. in the shape of new products and services that will also be used in the transformation of our cities that in the coming decades will become Smart Sustainable Cities. In 2025, more than 250.000.000 people will be in higher education facilities. It is crucial that this enormous resource will be utilized to further global problem-solving for the Global Goals.

5. DEMONSTRATE

WAVES OF TRUST will support the establishment of full-scale demonstration projects where we, as citizens, organizations, companies and authorities can *experience* sustainable economic growth as a desirable road moving forward. We must be able to touch the solutions and see that they work in practice, even if we are talking about extremely complex, integrated solutions. We should have the opportunity to experience that behavioral changes can provide better lives with even more possibilities.

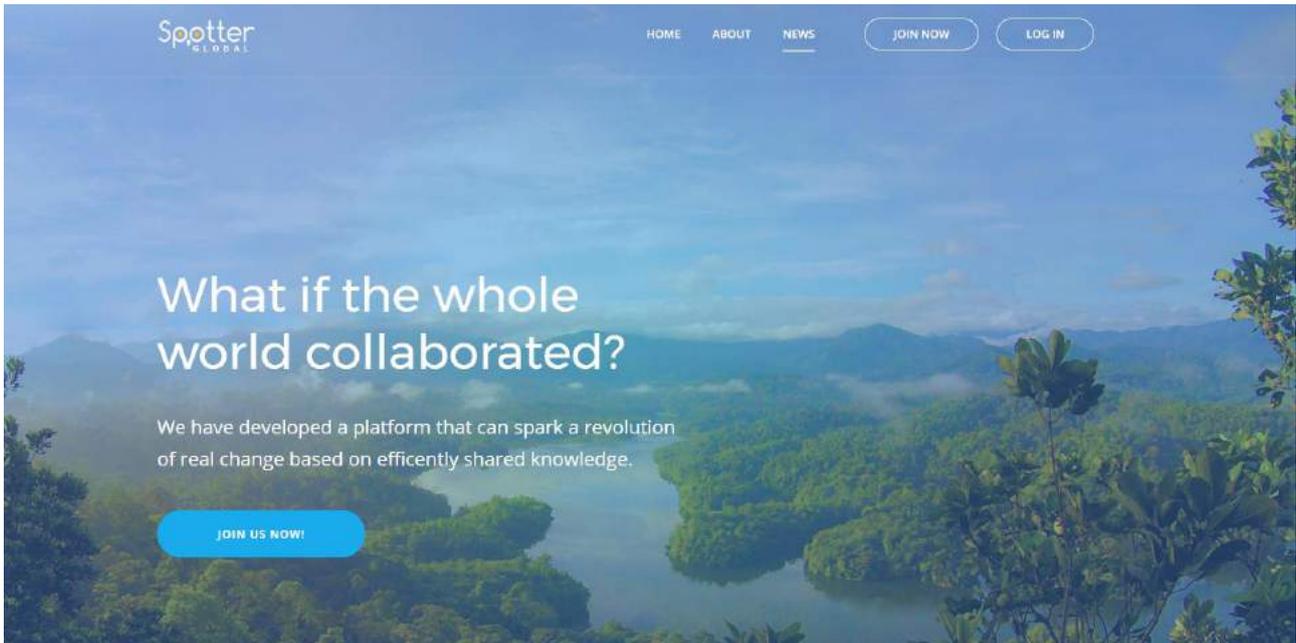
6. ORGANISE

WAVES OF TRUST will support the development of a broad range of organizational tools and make them readily available to companies, organizations and authorities that work with sustainability. The aim is to lighten the organizational load that is often a heavy burden for especially small and medium sized enterprises and grassroots organizations. We will work together to cut down on the administrative work, so we can focus our efforts on generating solutions.

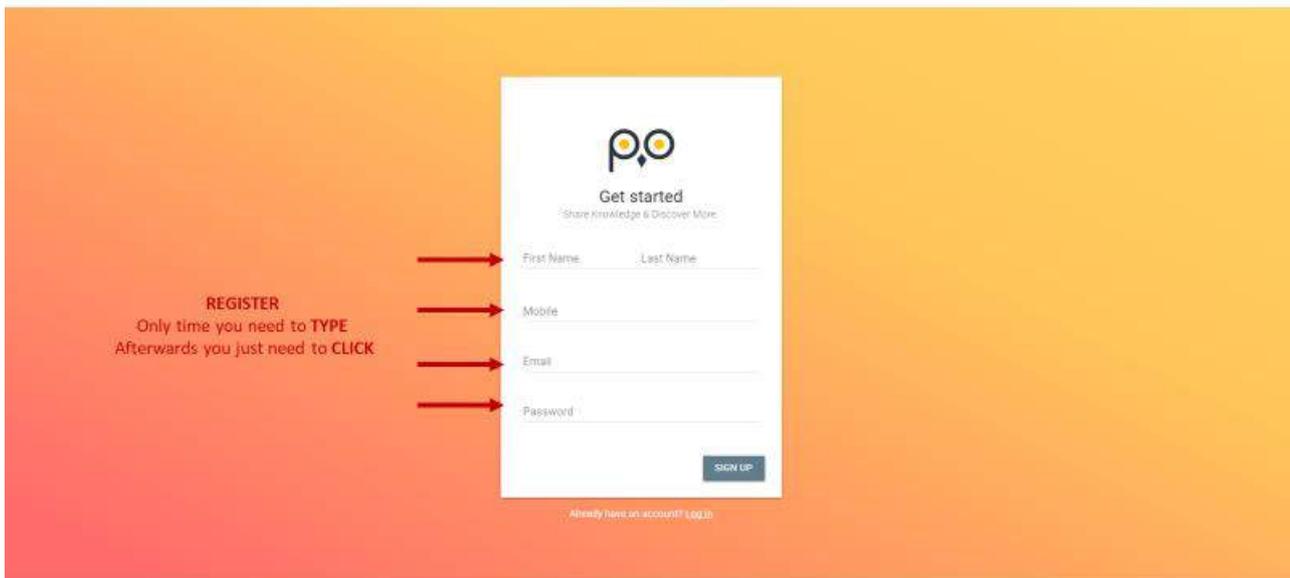
7. FINANCE

WAVES OF TRUST will further the development of mechanisms that will enhance fundraising opportunities, especially for small and medium sized grassroots organizations. Today, far too many resources are being spent on writing applications that end up nowhere. The same holds true for small and medium sized enterprises that currently spend too much time finding the investors that will support a new product or service that can make a difference by furthering the implementation of the Global Goals.

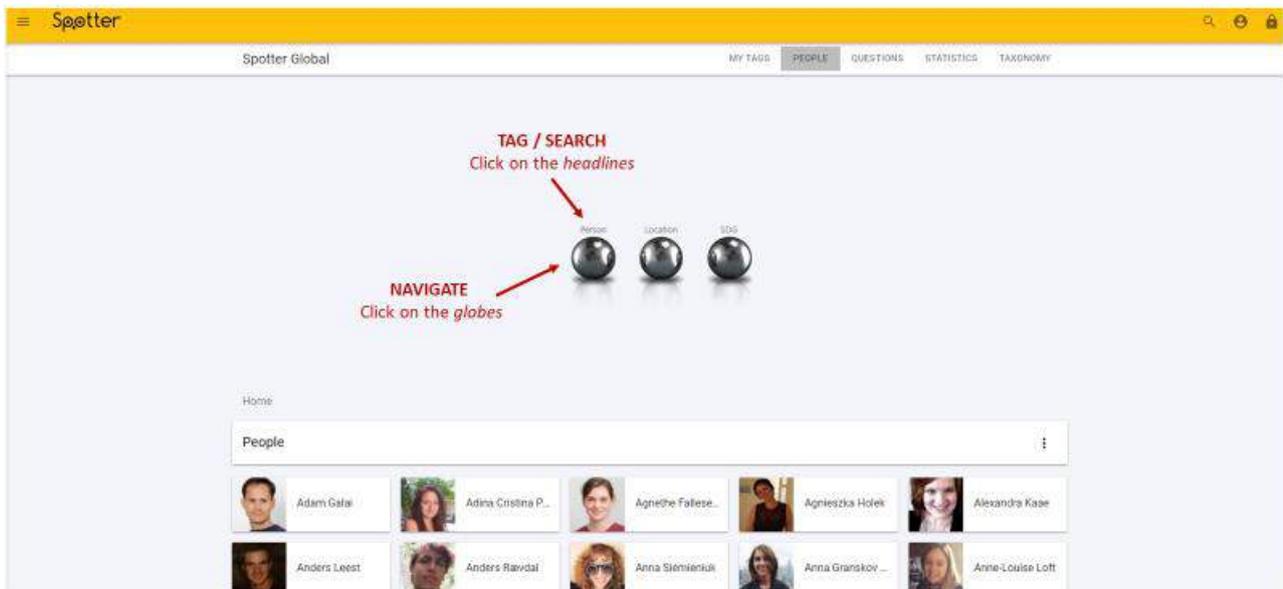
THE COSI PLATFORM (NOW CALLED SPOTTER GLOBAL)



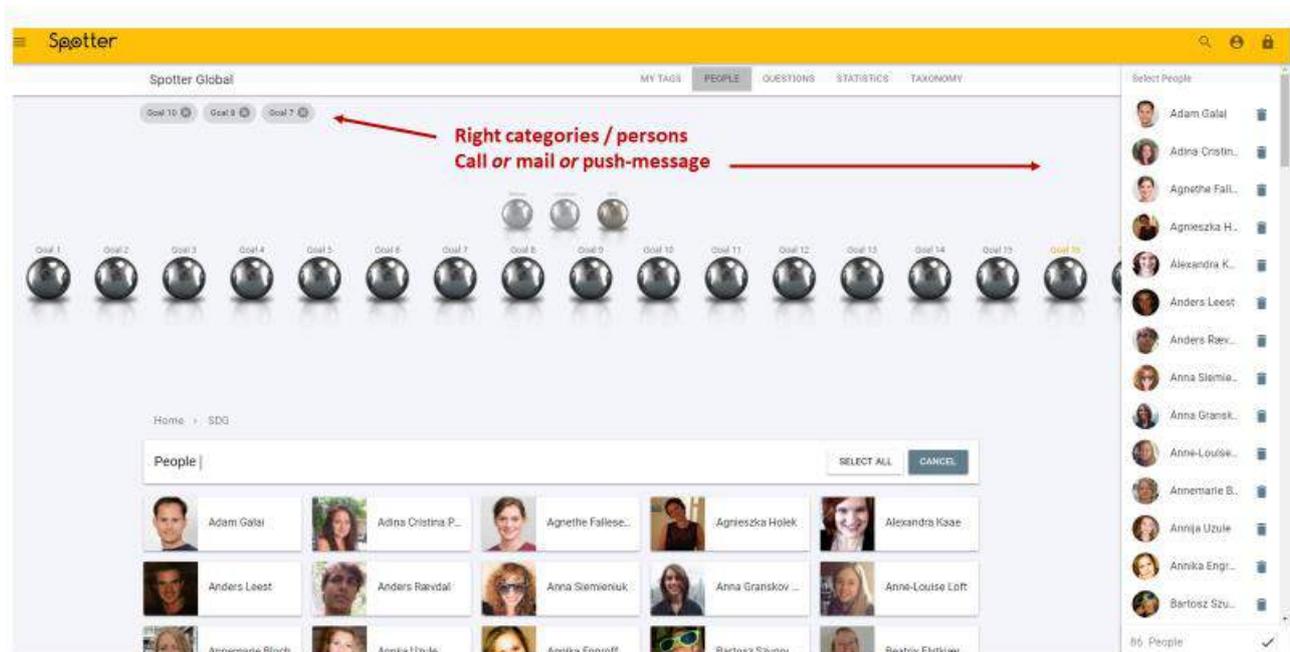
The front page of Spotter Global soon to be updated with all the Global Goals on the very front page.



The login page to the Spotter Global Platform as such. The point is that you will only be asked once to type stuff, namely name, email and phone number. Thereafter all other activities on Spotter Global is a matter of clicking on headlines in our Global Goals Taxonomy. NB: as of the end of July, we kindly ask new users to register via our Type form – and kindly wait on a notification from us to enter the Spotter Global Platform as such. The reason is that we received feedback indicating that it is better to keep the e-mail addresses of users hidden, and only allow access to peers via the Spotter Global Platform. We are working on this adjustment.



What you see here is the Global Goals Taxonomy which you navigate by clicking on the globes. The Global Goals Taxonomy will later be merged with our Globalisation Taxonomy that contains more than 2,300 topics. Users can tag their interests and competencies by clicking on the headlines. In other words. You do not need to type anything. We have more than 1,000 people in our Spotter Global Database (being tagged precisely, as we speak) and more that 4,000 Contacts, i.e. universities, businesses, civil society organisations as well as public institutions.



To find People, just click on "People" and add the wanted categories to the query form. This is a feature not offered by LinkedIn and/or Facebook!

STRUCTURE → OVERVIEW → SYSTEMATIC

THE WORLD'S FIRST TAXONOMY *on* GLOBALISATION

What Spotter Global is all about is to ensure structure, overview and a systematic problem-solving approach. "Taxonomies" are well suited for this purpose. To avoid presenting our users with too many categories at this stage, we started out with a rather banal Global Goals Taxonomi (with a few hundred categories) later to be merged with our Globalisation taxonomy that contains more than 2,300 categories.



172.083 GREAT FELLOW GLOBAL CITIZENS LIKE THIS PAGE.

BUT WHO IS INTERESTED IN WHICH SDG AND POSSES WHICH COMPETENCIES..

To indicate the problem, we try to solve: Facebook allow citizens to tag themselves on for instance the Global Goals. But who is interested in which goal based of which set of competencies? Nobody knows.

THE COSI MEETINGS*

NB! The table used for the formal reporting to the European Commission is to be found at the very end of this document.

A) Introductory meeting (Bruxelles): In December 2015, all project partners met in Bruxelles to discuss the project and to plan the upcoming activities, including the Spotter Global Platform. The challenge at this stage was that the programming of the Spotter Global Platform was too difficult to be handled by our partners, and the other part (uploading contacts) was too banal. In addition, it was premature to hold the next face-to-face meetings before the platform was up and running. Consequently, our partners were put in a bit of a limbo. Luckily, they have been extremely patient and helpful.

B) Meeting 1 (Rome): The first major meeting in the COSI project was held in Rome in close collaboration with SDG Watch Europe, and coinciding with the celebrations of the 60th Anniversary of the Rome Treaty. We gathered a core group of >25 people from more than 15 countries and besides focusing on the Spotter Global Platform it was also discussed how we, as civil society actors, could further the EU's role in ensuring the implementation of the Global Goals.

C) Meeting 2 (Bruxelles): The second meeting was held in Bruxelles and was the face-to-face meeting where we gathered >90 citizens from 19 countries. On top of it, the people we managed to gather – not least because of our collaboration with SDG Watch Europe – were top-notch civil society stakeholders who besides being impressively knowledgeable about the Global Goals, also represented substantial national and European networks. The latest development within the Spotter Global Platform was discussed alongside the so-called 6th scenario, i.e. a response to the European Commission's five scenarios for the future of the European Union.

D) Meeting 3 (Bruxelles): The third meeting was also held in Bruxelles. We gathered a group of >30 people from more than 15 countries and discussed the latest development of the Spotter Global Platform. We agreed how all stakeholders present could be helpful in getting fellow Europeans on the platform and take part (if possible) in the Climate Planet project, where the Spotter Global Platform will be an integrated element. Regarding the EU's and European citizens commitment to sustainability, it was discussed how the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) can be aligned with the Global Goals agenda.

E) Meeting 4, Online (The Spotter Global Platform): We developed the Spotter Global Platform which is to be found at www.spotter.global together with the programs for the meetings above. To be short we have started out with our SDG Taxonomy later to be merged with our Taxonomy on Globalisation where we have structured more than 2,300 topics! Our assessment is that for strategic reasons we had to start out with something simpler (i.e. the SDG Taxonomy). We now have the first 1,000 Persons on Spotter Global and found 4,000 Contacts (universities, businesses, NGO's, etc.). This is just the beginning. What will happen from now on is that these Persons / Contacts will be tagged precisely and all involved parties will intensify their activities via the Spotter Global Platform.



A few photos from breakout sessions at one of the meetings in Bruxelles.

The programs for the face-to-face meeting:

THE COSI PROJECT MEETING 1

Towards a strong EU Platform *for* the SDGs

Stakeholders Meeting in Rome, March 23-25

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Strengthening the COSI platform via SDG Watch Europe - and the 60th anniversary of the Rome Treaty

Thursday, 23 March 2017

9:00: All meet at
The Camera dei Deputati
Piazza di Monte Citorio
Palazzo Montecitorio

9:30-13:30: Europe Ambition 2030

Make Europe the world leader of sustainable development; a unique opportunity to build a stronger European Union.

Lunch break (Individual)

Transfer:

Cavour Centro Congressi
Via Cavour 50/a)
Rome

15:00 - 17:00: Work Shop on How to make the SDG's come true?

Agenda:

- Welcome and introduction
- Short update on the programme of the delegation
- Update on the social media campaign on 24 March
- Presentation by Søren Winther Lundby:
 - How to make the SDG's come true?
 - The Collaboration Gap
 - The ABC+ alliance
 - The 1st, 2nd and 3rd generation of the Social Media Platforms
 - Climate Planet
 - +People
- Q&A and discussion on possible future cooperation

Participation is obligatory!

Transfer:

Sala Di Vittorio
CGIL Corso Italia 25

Rome

16:00 - 19:00: 60 years of Rome Treaties: What remains of the promise of Social Europe?

Moderators:

- Fausto Durante, Coordinator European and International Department CGIL
- Conny Reuter, General Secretary SOLIDAR

Presentations by:

- Francisca Sauquillo, President SOLIDAR
- Susanna Camusso, CGIL General Secretary
- Luca Visentini, ETUC General Secretary
- Francesca Chiavacci, President ARCI
- Antonio Panzeri, MEP (S&D)
- Eleonora Forenza, MEP (GUE)
- Claude Moraes (S&D, UK Labour Party), chair of the LIBE committee

19:30: Joint dinner (optional)

Ristorante Colline Emiliane

Via degli Avignonesi 22

<http://www.collineemiliane.com/>

+39 06 481 7538

Please book a place via Patrizia (by email).

Friday, 24 March 2017

The European Movement International (EMI) invited all of us to participate in the following meetings (details TBC). The idea is to strengthen the network for developing tomorrow's collaborative platform, discussed the day before.

09:00 - 12:00: Meeting with CSOs convened by EMI (time and venue TBD)

Lunch break (individual)

13:00 - 15:00: Meeting convened by EMI with CSOs, business and trade unions

Transfer:

University La Sapienza
Piazzale Aldo Moro 5

Aula 1, Dipartimento di Matematica

16:00 - 18:00: My Future with Europe

CSOs contribution to the future of Europe. Different CSOs will briefly present their reactions to the scenarios offered by the Juncker White Paper and discuss these with young people. The audience will then vote on different scenarios. We are all registered for participation.

Transfer:

Pastificio San Lorenzo

Via Tiburtina, 196

www.pastificiosanlorenzo.com

+39 06 9727 3519

20:00: Informal get-together over dinner for partners of the DEAR project

Restaurant in San Lorenzo
(Close to the university La Sapienza)

Please book a place via Patrizia (by email).

Saturday, 25 March 2017

On Saturday, during the actual summit, there will be several marches. We invite you join one of them. Two civil society marches will reunite at the Colosseum. We will discuss during our meeting on Thursday afternoon who wants to join which march.

Option 1:

9:30 - 12:00: EMI Congress “60 years from Rome - Europe calling”

Meeting point:

Center Roma Eventi
Piazza di Spagna

Option 2:

10:45 - 11:00: March of Nostra Europa

Meeting point:

Piazza Vittorio Emanuele
(Café Gatsby)

15:00: End of the programme

THE COSI PROJECT MEETING 2

Towards a strong EU Platform *for* the SDGs

Stakeholders Meeting in Bruxelles, May 23-24, 2017

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Venue:

Beijing Room (11.11.11)
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Strengthening the COSI platform via SDG Watch Europe - and vice versa

Day 1: 23 May, 2017, 2pm - 7pm

Time	Topic	Facilitation
13:30	Arrival and Sandwiches/Snacks	
14:00	Welcome and overview on the programme	Ingo Ritz
14:15	What is SDG Watch Europe? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Basic Agreements and Objectives - Structures and working processes - Work Strands: How to participate? - Membership: Overview and rules Questions and answers	Barbara Caracciolo/ Deirdre de Burca
14:45	Overview on the UN process on Sustainable Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN ECE • VNR and HLPF • Major Groups and other Stakeholders Action for Sustainable Development	Sascha Gabizon Ingo Ritz
15:00	Who we are? Sharing information and learning from each other in an interactive way	Patrizia Heidegger/ Ingo Ritz
16:15	Coffee Break	
16:30	What do we want from SDG Watch Europe? Coordination between national and EU level Presentation of the proposal of the Working Group Discussion and agreements	Marie-Luise Abshagen
17:15	What do we want to do? Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Media actions in September - Offline actions - Advocacy - Indicator development 	
18:30	Results of the working groups and agreements	
18:45	Conclusion: Inputs for the plenary meeting and next steps	Deirdre de Burca/ Barbara Caracciolo
19:30	Dinner	

Day 2: 24 May 2017, 9am - 1pm

Time	Topic	Facilitation
9:00	Welcome and Introduction	Patrizia Heidegger
9:15	Political Updates: EU: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Conclusions • 6th Scenario • Multistakeholder Forum • Indicator Development UN: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECE • HLPF • VNR 	Leida Rijnhout
10:00	Presentation of the DEAR Project	Patrizia Heidegger
10:15	Presentation of national level work and building connections	Ingo Ritz
11:00	Coffee Break	
11:15	How national level coalitions can be active in SDG Watch Europe - based on the proposal developed on 23.5.	Deirdre de Burca
12_00	Planning of September Actions	Ingo Ritz
12:30	Presentation of Climate Planet and Spotter by Søren Winther Lundby, Global Citizen	Patrizia Heidegger
12:45	Conclusion and Action Points	Alison Coleman
13:00	Lunch	

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THE COSI PROJECT MEETING 3

PROGRAMME: Towards a strong EU Platform *for* the SDGs

Stakeholders Meeting in Bruxelles, May 30, 2017

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Venue:

4-6 Rue de Pascale (ground floor)
1060 Brussels

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The future of Europe

What role can the EU budget play in making Europe sustainable?

9.00-9.10 Welcome and introduction

I. Implementing the SDGs in a changing Europe

9.10-9.40 SDG implementation in Europe: The Collaboration & Funding Gap

9.40-10.00 Europe at cross roads: The White paper on the future of Europe and civil society reaction

10.00-10.20 How to reform the EU budget cycle to support sustainability and the SDGs

10.20-11.00 Discussion on civil society expectations and what it implies for the EU budget

Coffee break

II. Roundtable with EU decision makers

11.30-11.40 Kick off presentation on the outcomes of the stakeholder survey on the next EU budget cycle and the expectations of SDG Watch Europe

11.40-13.00 Roundtable with decision makers

Lunch break

III. How to make the EU finances work for sustainability

14.00-17.00 Drawing conclusions from the roundtable. What can civil society do next for scaling up implementation of SDGs through a reformed budget? How can we mobilize more stakeholders in a systematic way? Spotter Global will be presented as part of the solution.

Closing the meeting

The event is financially supported by the European Union. The contents of this event are the sole responsibility of organisers and can under no circumstances be regarded as reflecting the position of the European Union.

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Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "*Networks of Towns*"
Measure 2.3 "*Civil Society Projects*"
Strand 1 – "*European Remembrance*"

> 4 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved >25 citizens from more than 15 countries (Germany 6, The Netherlands 1, Ireland 2, Italy 1, United Kingdom 1, Denmark 1, Spain 3, Greece 1, France 5, Hungary 1, Serbia 1, Austria 1, Belgium 1, Georgia 1, Albania 1, Lithuania 1)

Location/Dates: The event took place in Rome, Italy from March 23- 25, 2017.

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Event 2

Participation: The event involved 80 citizens from more than 20 countries (Italy 8, Germany 10, Spain 11, Austria 1, The Netherlands 5, Greece 1, France 7, Denmark 3, Bulgaria 1, Finland 1, Ireland 6, Lithuania 1, Portugal 2, Slovenia 1, Malta 1, Latvia 1, Sweden 2, Czech Republic 1, Romania 1, Poland 3, Hungary 2, United Kingdom 6, Belgium 5.)

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Event 3

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Location / Dates: The event took place in Bruxelles, Belgium on May 30, 2017

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Event 4

Participation: The Spotter Global Platform contains more than 1,000 citizens from more than 25 European countries (Austria 5, Belgium 50, Bulgaria 5, Croatia 2, Czech Republic 10, Denmark 550, Estonia 10, Finland 9, France 25, Germany 75, Greece 10, Hungary 10, Ireland 10, Italy 25, Latvia 3, Lithuania 9, Malta 3, The Netherlands 30, Cyprus 2, Poland 4, Portugal 2, Romania 30, Serbia 3, Slovakia 3, Slovenia 2, Spain 35, United Kingdom 90).

Location / Dates: On line and ongoing: www.spotter.global

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Finally: In the summer of 2016 the COSI-project and Spotter Global held a second introductory meeting in Aarhus. We were present with a stand at the Explore the World Festival in Aarhus that gathered more than 15,000 citizens from all over Europe. Also, the undersigned presented the COSI project at a meeting in Helsinki in November 2016, organized by the Commissions contacts in the Danish Ministry of Culture.

