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To keep you in the big picture

Mobile devices that withstand the test of time

We start the “big picture” with last week’s Commission proposal for new rules to **help consumers make informed and sustainable choices when purchasing mobile and cordless phones, and tablets**, under the existing EU Energy Labelling Regulation. This [new proposal](#) comes on the same day as the approval of measures to make these devices more energy efficient, durable and easier to repair by the European Parliament and Council, following a Commission [proposal](#) in November 2022, under the EU Ecodesign Regulation. Under the proposal, smartphones and tablets put on the EU market will have to display information on their energy efficiency, their reparability score, battery longevity, protection from dust and water, and resistance to accidental drops. This is the first time that a product placed on the EU market will be required to display a reparability index. Get the [full story](#).

Social economy: Commission puts people first

Our second pick is about “social economy entities”, i.e. entities that share the objective of systematically **putting people first, producing a positive impact on local communities and pursuing a social cause**. Did you know that there are 2.8 million social economy entities in Europe, which employ in total 13.6 million people to tackle key challenges in our societies. They span a diverse range of sectors, from social and care services to housing, recreation, and affordable energy; and include cooperatives, non-profit associations, foundations and social enterprises ... In an effort to remove obstacles standing in the way of the social economy entities and make it easier for them to have an even bigger impact in their communities, the Commission came up last week with very concrete measures, like designing labour market policies that support employees in social enterprises, promote social entrepreneurship, and ensure fair working conditions through social dialogue and collective bargaining, acknowledging the role of the social economy for social inclusion, e.g. in providing accessible and high-quality social and care services and housing, particularly for disadvantaged groups ... You want to find out more? Have a [read](#) !

Might wish to share among your networks

Pencil it in

It is with great pleasure that the European Education and Culture Executive Agency extends an invitation to join them on **29 June from 10.00 to 13.00 CET** at the online Q&A session about the call for proposals to foster citizens' engagement and participation, which has a budget of €25.4 million. The session will provide details about CIV23 funding opportunities, including the call's objectives, eligibility criteria and the application process. Don't miss this funding opportunity to support your work on democracy, citizens' engagement, climate action, solidarity, countering disinformation, media literacy and other priorities. [Join the event!](#)