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Policy brief

The policy lab recommendation may be concluded in four different actions, directed towards four different stakeholders:

The employer organisations for the social economy need to collaborate closer in the manner of including social economy perspective in the industrial relations, as well as be able to be a voice in the governmental social dialogue. The social economy employer organisations need to demand to be included as representatives for the social economy, both regarding industrial relations as well as social dialogue to the government. Furthermore, representatives from the social economy need to give mandate to their employer organizations in these fields. Employer organisations need to construct a system based on member need for their political voice, rather than expertise in fields outside the reality.

From a **trade union perspective**, all these issues related to social economy progress and impact are very important, the foundation is wages, but social dialogue issues are of outermost importance. There is a need to connect the dialogue to local and regional level, as well as social economy actor perspective within the trade union movement.

From an EU level, the social economy inclusion in the social dialogue in Sweden are vague. Therefore, the **government** have the task to secure representation and to make the social economy more visible in the social dialogue. Often the social economy is left out from social dialogue and regulation in Sweden. There is a lack of knowledge and will to support or include the social economy in regulative structures from the Swedish state.

The **social economy sector** needs to secure that we may participate by one voice and make sure we are visible.

To conclude, there is a need and will in Sweden from all stakeholders to make the role of the social economy increasingly visible in the social dialogue and industrial relations, as well as to ensure representation of the social economy in the social dialogue and the industrial relations. Representation and inclusion need to be prioritized from employer organizations, trade unions, the government (locally, regionally and national) and the social economy need to further strengthening their collaboration in order to increase their impact and visibility in the social dialogue and industrial relation.