

Global Solution Initiative

By bringing together existing institutions like the Council for Global Problem-Solving (CGP) and the Global Economic Symposium (GES), the Global Solutions Initiative (GSI) aims to enhance policy advising capacities and thereby to contribute to greater continuity and impact within G20 policy arenas. The GSI will combine world-class research-based policy advice with the advocacy of a world-class multi-stakeholder community.

Key aspects in the establishment and operations of GSI are:

- (1) The CGP shall provide intellectual leadership for policy advice, while the GES shall provide the basis for a multi-stakeholder community concerned with the actionable policy proposals and their implementation.
- (2) Research-based policy advice given by the **CGP** will be aimed at the G20 and the wider international policy community.
- (3) The target audience includes leading figures from G20 groups and associated international institutions and platforms. It will build on the community of the GES, which has already gained a strong reputation in global problem-solving since 2008.
- (4) In 2017 CGP members participated in the official T20 process. After the German G20 Presidency, the CGP will continue to give policy advice to the G20, albeit in an unofficial capacity.
- (5) In the coming year, the activities of the GSI will be coordinated by a **Secretariat** in Berlin. The **Hertie School of Governance** agreed to host the Secretariat.
- (6) The Hertie School of Governance will cooperate with the Kiel Institute for the World Economy and other core members of the CGP in this process.
- (7) In terms of academic freedom, GSI and its Secretariat are independent of any particular research institution and political agenda. GSI pursues the scientific direction set by the CGP.
- (8) To safeguard its independence, which is indispensable for GSI to achieve its objective, it is envisioned to establish a separate legal entity. The Secretariat should be fully operational as of fall 2018.
- (9) In the coming year, **the GSI expects to attract financial and organizational commitments** to ensure the operation of its Secretariat over the next five years. The estimated budget needed is **about 250-300K p.a.** The **Hertie School of Governance** is willing, dependent on adequate contributions from other institutions, to make a **substantial sum p.a. available.**

The proposed overall structure of GSI is as displayed here:



The Global Solution Initiative (GSI) consists of three pillars:

- (1) **CGP**: Offers scientific direction, provides content (e.g. policy briefs with recommendation or visions)
- (2) **GES Advisory Board**: Provides strategic advice, evaluates GSI activities, supports dissemination of GSI results
- (3) **Strategic Partners**: Provide financial support and advice on strategy and content

The GSI will be managed by **an Executive Board**, which is mainly responsible for taking **strategic decisions**.

It is supported by a **Secretariat** with the main tasks of coordinating GSI content together with the relevant CGP partners (program, activities like organizing conferences and workshops, dissemination of scientific results) and offering support services (media, legal matters, websites).

Finally, GSI aims to incorporate **business and media partners** to help support the organization and its various activities like the “Global Solutions Summit”.