

**EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS FUND**  
**Increasing Investment in Advanced Manufacturing - Europe's Industrial Backbone**

Wednesday 28 January 2026

18h00 Cocktail - 18h30 Dinner Dialogue

European Parliament Salon - Spinelli Building

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**PROGRAMME**

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17h30	<b>Register for security EP passes at “Accreditation Centre”</b> , Agora Simone Veil, on esplanade Solidarnosc, European Parliament ASP Building, Place du Luxembourg side
18h00	Cocktail Reception
18h30	<b>INTRODUCTION BY THE PARLIAMENTARY HOST</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sara MATTHIEU MEP, Greens - Belgium, Industry, Research and Energy Committee</li> </ul>
18h35	<b>THE EUROPEAN COMPETITIVENESS FUND - DRIVING INNOVATION AND DEPLOYMENT FOR EUROPEAN INDUSTRIES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alexandr Hobza, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, Cabinet Member, Executive Vice President Stéphane Séjourné, Chief Economist, Responsible for Investments and Innovation,</li> </ul>
18h50	Q&A with the Commission
19h00	<b>MEP VIEWS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pilar DEL CASTILLO MEP (EPP, Spain) Industry, Research and Energy Committee</li> </ul>
19h05	<b>PRIORITIES FOR EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Javier Ormazabal Echevarria, VELATIA, President &amp; ORGALIM, President</li> <li>François Duval, UNITED MACHINING, Managing Director &amp; CECIMO President</li> </ul>
19h15	<b>VIEWS OF MANUFACTURERS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matthieu Worm, SIEMENS, Distinguished Key Expert, Simulation &amp; Digital Twin &amp; President of the Virtual Worlds Association</li> <li>Jean Pascal Riss, SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC, Vice President Strategic Partnerships, Sustainability and Industrial Relations</li> <li>Barbara Colombo, FICEP S.p.A, Chief Executive Officer</li> </ul>
19h30	<b>VIEWS OF MEPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thomas PELLERIN-CARLIN (S&amp;D, France) Industry, Research and Energy Committee &amp; Intergroup Member on Attracting Investment to Ensure a Competitive and Sustainable European Union</li> <li>Benedetta SCUDERI MEP (GREENS, Italy) Industry, Research and Energy Committee</li> </ul>
19h45	Dinner & Networking



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20h30	<b>PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FINANCING - INCREASING INVESTMENT IN ADVANCED MANUFACTURING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carsten Schierenbeck, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DG Research and Innovation, Head of Unit, Industrial Transformation</li></ul>
20h45	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
20h55	<b>VIEWS OF MEPS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Christophe CLERGEAU MEP (Vice President S&amp;D Group, France) Environment Committee &amp; Industry, Research and Energy Committee</li><li>• Kris VAN DIJCK MEP (ECR, Belgium) Industry, Research and Energy Committee</li></ul>
21h15	<b>DISCUSSION &amp; INFORMAL RESPONSES BY THE COMMISSION</b>
21h25	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Antony Fell, EUROPEAN FORUM FOR MANUFACTURING, Secretary General</li></ul>