



'A Vision for European Industry Until 2030'

*18h30 - 20h00 Cocktail Reception
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Fellow Members of the European Parliament and Senior Representatives of the European Manufacturing Industry, I warmly welcome you to this Reception of the European Forum for Manufacturing this evening.

This is especially the case for those new Members of our Parliament from the different political groups.

I am Danuta Hübner and an EPP member of the Parliamentary Committees on Economic & Monetary Affairs and on International Trade. I have previously served as a Government Minister and as a European Commissioner. I am also Chair of the European Forum for Manufacturing.

The European Forum for Manufacturing - the EFM - brings together representatives of

- Commission
- Parliament
- Presidency with
- Manufacturers.

The EFM has manufacturing members from companies, large and small, as well as trade associations.

Policies we examine cover industry, research, energy, internal market, economic, trade, environment, employment, legal, regions and agriculture where technology is making an important contribution.

You will have received folders this evening which contain one page briefs on the manufacturing companies and trade associations, who have co-sponsored this event.

There is also an important Report of the Industry 2030 High Level Industrial Roundtable. This Roundtable was established by the European Commission to provide independent advice on future EU industrial policy. It consisted of 20 experts representing small and big businesses, traditional and disruptive industries, unions, innovation and research community as well as finance and academia.

As a result it has produced this report on "A Vision for the European Industry until 2030."

The Group has also made recommendations on the future of EU industrial policy strategy. It sees European industry in 2030 as a global leader, responsibly delivering value for:

- our society,
- our environment and
- our economy.



It believes that Europe will build its competitive advantage:

- on cutting-edge and break-through technologies
- on respect for our environment and biodiversity
- on investment in our people, and
- on smart European & global alliances.

It highlights the challenges we face in Europe which include:

- a fast-changing geopolitical & economic situation
- growing social polarization
- an increasing role of digitization & technology, and
- climate change & other environmental problems.

It argues that Europe must respond to a series of specific and interconnected challenges facing our industries.

It calls for a new European industrial model to:

- ensure Europe remains a leader in technology, innovation and sustainability
- support our citizens in developing the right skills to embrace these changes and manage social fairness

I recommend this report because turning the Industry 2030 vision into reality will require both action and collaboration between:

- Commission policy makers
- Parliamentary legislators
- Member States and
- Industry stakeholders

to debate these policies in our new Parliamentary mandate.

We will alert you to the policy debates organized by the European Forum for Manufacturing which take place in the Parliament, hosted and chaired by an MEP with contributions from MEPs, Commission, Council Presidency and manufacturers.

We invite you to join with us to seek the best solutions to the challenges which Europe faces.

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear colleagues I wish you all success in this new Parliamentary mandate.



Reinhard BÜTIKOFER MEP, (Greens/EFA, Germany), Chair of the Delegation for relations with the People's Republic of China, Committee on Foreign Affairs, Delegation for relations with the United States

The future of the European industry depends on a holistic approach of all different political groups who need to join forces. The EU industrial strategy needs a common EU approach and all Member States need to be involved.

As Europe is under a lot of competition, a strong European industrial strategy needs to be put in place. Without undertaking concrete steps, like focusing European funding on research, Europe will not be the industrial leader that it could be.



Moreover, in order to stay competitive, the European markets need to be open and the European Single Market which seeks to guarantee the free movement of goods, capital, services, and labour within the European Union, needs a common EU effort.

I hope that the newly elected Vice-Presidents will contribute to the European agenda that is focused on industry.

It would have been my dream to have a Vice-President for Industry. That is not the case, however hopefully, the new European Parliament will be helpful with supporting an agenda focused on European industry.

In order to guarantee the success in shaping a good future for the European industry, Europe needs to uphold the European values and respect the rule of law.



Martina DLABAJOVÁ MEP, (Renew Europe, Czech), Vice-Chair Committee on Budgetary Control, Committee on Industry Research & Energy (ITRE)

I have started my second mandate as liberal MEP. I am a member of the Czech delegation within the Renew Europe Group. I am actively involved (as a coordinator) in the work of the Industry, Research and Energy Committee as Coordinator for Renew Europe (ITRE), and also a Member of the Budget (BUDG) and Budgetary Control Committee (CONT).

In my previous mandate as member of the Employment Committee and Member of the EFM Board I focused on the importance of better cooperation between education and business as well as motivation and responsibility of young jobseekers with my Own-Initiative Report on "Matching Skills and Jobs" and as Rapporteur of the European Parliament on the Report 'A New Skills Agenda for Europe'.

Now as a member of ITRE Committee I am willing to continue in supporting this important topic.

The question is: what should we focus on in ITRE? We should have coordinated, pragmatic vision for the 3 fields of the ITRE Committee.



- Industry - we need an industrial policy that is fit for the future, that reaps the benefits of the light-speed technological revolution we are experiencing with digitalisation and artificial intelligence - a benefit that is cross-sectoral and a level-playing field across Europe.
- We need a clear, simplified legal framework for our investors, and a strong impulse towards simplification of the administrative burden, in particular for SMEs.
- Research - that goes hand in hand with our industries' needs - to allow European manufacturers to stay innovative and fully benefit from enhanced global competitiveness; to achieve this goal we need strong Public-Private Partnerships that bring together experts, academia and entrepreneurs.
- Energy - a pragmatic, ambitious approach to achieve sustainability in the long run, offering new opportunities for investment within the renewables market, while ensuring that an adequate energy mix is available to consumers, at affordable prices.



Malte Lohan, ORGALIM – Europe's Technologies Industries, Director General, delivered a speech on behalf of all the Industry Board members of the European Forum for Manufacturing

Antony Fell, EUROPEAN FORUM FOR MANUFACTURING,
Secretary General

The European Forum for Manufacturing's provides a high level platform for exchange on industrial policy at the highest political level – bringing together the:

- Council Presidency
- Commission
- Parliament with
- European manufacturers



Future programme

On Tuesday 25 September in the European Parliament in Brussels, the EFM will focus on 'Enabling European Industry's Global Leadership' supported by Orgalim - Europe's Technology Industries

Tuesday 15 October will be the date for our EFM Roundtable Dinner Debate on 'Boosting a Sustainable Future for All' supported by CECE/CEMA

'Future of Mobility & Sustainable Growth' on Wednesday 6 November will be supported by CLEPA

The EFM, supported by CECIMO on Wednesday 5 December will focus on 'Revision of the Machinery Directive'

I would like to conclude by thanking the European Parliament and its MEPs:

- Danuta Hübner
- Reinhard Bütikofer
- Martina Dlabajová

for all their excellent leadership and support for European Manufacturing



and our appreciation to EFM supporters:

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- CEMA - European Agricultural Machinery Association
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- Orgalim - Europe's Technology Industries
- Volvo Group and
- Wind Europe

and Parliamentary staff here in Strasbourg for all their assistance in organising this evening.


