



**European Committee
of the Regions**

Stakeholder Consultation on the updating of the New Industrial Strategy

22 June 2021

16h00 to 18h30

On 5 May 2021, the Commission presented a communication on *"Updating the 2020 Industrial Strategy: towards a stronger Single Market for Europe's recovery"*.¹

The updated Strategy reaffirms the priorities set out in the March 2020 Communication², published the day before the WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic. At the same time, it aims to respond to the lessons learned from the crisis; to boost the recovery and enhance the EU's open strategic autonomy. It proposes new measures to strengthen the resilience of the Single Market, addresses the need to better understand our dependencies in key strategic areas and presents a toolbox to address them. It offers new measures to accelerate the green and digital transitions.

Although recognizing the relevance of the ecosystems, there are opportunities within the communication to link these to local and regional authorities, which play a crucial role in this context as described in the CoR opinion on *A Place-based Approach*³. In this Opinion, the CoR highlights the important role of the local and regional level in the Industrial Strategy and their vital role in achieving a place-based approach⁴.

The CoR therefore sees an important role to adopt an opinion on *"Updating the 2020 Industrial Strategy: towards a stronger Single Market for Europe's recovery"* on the basis of the new Commission communication, most probably at its plenary session of 1-3 December, with Rapporteur **Jeanette Baljeu** (NL/RE).

In the stakeholder meeting, Rapporteur **Jeanette Baljeu** would like to structure her questions around the following key policy areas:

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/communication-industrial-strategy-update-2020_en.pdf

² A new Industrial Strategy for Europe <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1593086905382&uri=CELEX:52020DC0102>

³ adopted on 26-27 June 2019, rapporteur: Jeanette Baljeu (NL/RE)

⁴ adopted on 12-14 October 2020, rapporteur: Jeanette Baljeu



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- Strengthening Single Market resilience
- Dealing with the EU's strategic dependencies
- Accelerating the twin transitions
- The main indicators of competitiveness

Please refer to the working document for more detailed information.

Agenda

16:05-16:10 **Welcome**

Jeannette Baljeu, Rapporteur of the CoR opinion on "**Updating the new Industrial Strategy for Europe**", European Committee of the Regions

16:10-16:20 **Presentation of the Commission communication**

Giuseppina Bitondo, Unit Strategy and regulation: single market and industrial policy, DG GROW

16:20-17:15 **Statements by targeted spokespersons**

- **Carlo Calenda**, former EP-rapporteur
- **Sandra Parthie**, Rapporteur of the EESC opinion on "*Updating the new Industrial Strategy for Europe*", EESC
- **Alison Hunter**, Director, Economic and Public Policy Consultancy
- **Gerhard Huemer**, Director Economic and Fiscal Policy, SMEunited
- **Isabelle Schömann**, Confederal Secretary, ETUC
- **Philippe Adriaenssens**, Policy Director, European Round Table for Industry (ERT)
- **Lina Konstantinopoulou**, Policy Director, EUROCHAMBRES
- **Richard Tuffs**, Consultant, Friends of Smart Specialisation
- **Cristina Oyón**, Director for Technology, Innovation and Sustainability at the Business Development Agency of the Basque Government and Representative of the Vanguard Initiative
- **Jurgen Rienks**, Director, Neth-ER

17:30-17:45 **Break**

17:45-18:20 **Open discussion**



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18:20-18:30 **Closing remarks**
Jeannette Baljeu, CoR Rapporteur