

**Let's put industry at the core of the EU's future!**  
**A joint call to the candidates for the 2019 European Elections**

***INDUSTRY MATTERS FOR EUROPE AND ITS CITIZENS***

European industry is everywhere in our daily life: from the houses we build, the furniture we buy, the clothes we wear, the food we eat, the healthcare we receive, the energy and means of transport we use to the objects and products ever-present in our lives.

With its skilled workforce and its global reputation for quality and sustainability, industry is vital for Europe and its prosperity. Today, 52 million people and their families throughout Europe benefit directly and indirectly from employment in industrial sectors. Our supply chains, made up of hundreds of thousands of innovative SMEs and larger suppliers, are thriving and exporting European industrial excellence all over the world.

***INDUSTRY NEEDS YOU!***

Following the 2008 financial crisis, millions of manufacturing jobs were lost in Europe, each time bringing dramatic human and social consequences. Even now, we are still far from the employment levels seen before the crisis and jobs are vulnerable to worrying international trends, including increasing protectionism.

The European Union now needs an ambitious industrial strategy to help compete with other global regions – such as China, India and the USA – that have already put industry at the very top of their political agenda.

**Therefore we, industrial sectors from all branches, call on you – future Members of the European Parliament – to commit today to:**

- **Put industry at the top of the political agenda of the European Parliament during the next institutional cycle (2019-2024)**
- **Urge the next European Commission to shortlist industry as a top priority of its 5-year Work Programme and appoint a dedicated Vice-President for Industry**
- **Uphold the next European Commission to swiftly present an ambitious long-term EU industrial strategy which shall include clear indicators and governance.**

We, the Signatories of this Manifesto, count on your support to make sure that Europe remains a hub for a leading, smart, innovative and sustainable industry, that benefits all Europeans and future generations.

Europe can be proud of its industry. Together we must put it at the core of the EU's future!



