



CECIMO
Recommendations
for the EU
strategic Agenda
for the period
2019-2024



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10 KEY CECIMO RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Place industry at the top of the political agenda

of the European Parliament and the European Commission during the next institutional cycle (2019-2024) and appoint a European Commission Vice-President for industry.

2. Continue the progress in the Digital Single Market Agenda

and develop an industrial policy for the digital era – by improving digital infrastructures, building trust in data, enabling automation and removing bottlenecks for digitisation.

3. Guarantee the necessary funding and policy support for strategic value chains and innovative technologies

in the next EU budget to accelerate the ongoing industrial transformation – by investing in research, innovation, skills and digital capacity development programmes together with tax incentives and other financial instruments.

4. Promote reciprocity with our trading partners

and put forward a more assertive EU trade agenda, especially vis-à-vis China and the United States.

5. Bridge the skills gap in the fields of new technologies

such as artificial intelligence, additive manufacturing, industry 4.0 and digitisation; and maximise their benefits for businesses by fostering strategies and initiatives linked to research activities, test beds, EU & national investment projects and industrial competences.

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6. Remain in the driver's seat for standardisation

and improve the process for the development and referencing of European and international standards for the manufacturing sector.

7. Ensure the protection of European Intellectual Property Rights

trade secrets, confidential industrial design and data sets at European and international level.

8. Be cautious when considering the need to revise EU legislation

for example in the case of the Machinery Directive, to avoid regulating new technologies too early and stifling innovation.

9. Safeguard industrial investments and provide legal certainty

by promoting evidence-based policymaking and ensuring that future legislation is future-proof and technology neutral in vital areas for the EU industrial competitiveness, such as transport Co2 emissions.

10. Simplify further the Posting of Workers Directive

regarding the obligations of the Directive for SMEs, particularly, for short-term technical assistance activities. The freedom of movement and services across Europe should be facilitated and guaranteed.





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The Machine Tool Industries & related Manufacturing Technologies IN NUMBERS

A KEY ENABLING SECTOR

basis of almost all manufacturing processes, also thanks to the 4.0 transformation, machine tools are crucial technologies for EU industry competitiveness.

1.500 industrial enterprises of which over 80% are SMEs with more than 147.000 employees.

CECIMO annual turnover €27.5bn equivalent to 35% of the worldwide production.

CECIMO consumption €17bn equivalent to 24% of the worldwide consumption.