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The EU's competitiveness and its attractiveness as an investment location are at the top of the EU's political agenda. To this end, the Commission has identified three priority areas for policy action in its Competitiveness Compass<sup>1</sup>: closing the innovation gap, having a joint roadmap for decarbonisation and competitiveness, as well reducing excessive dependencies and increasing security. Additional actions on horizontal enablers, such as cutting red tape, deepening the Single Market and boosting digitalisation, complement the Compass.

Under the second pillar of the Compass, the Clean Industrial Deal<sup>2</sup> brings forward targeted initiatives to support the deployment of green innovation and the competitiveness of industrial production in Europe. These aim at improving access to affordable energy, lead markets, public and private investments, materials and resources, global markets and international partnerships, skills and quality jobs. For instance, they include simplification of permitting to access energy infrastructure and more funding through the revision of InvestEU<sup>3</sup> and the Industrial Decarbonisation Bank.

The Single Market Strategy<sup>4</sup> of 21 May 2025 presents an action plan to improve the functioning of the Single Market, including by removing the most harmful barriers and reducing red tape, thereby promoting intra-EU trade and investment.

As regards simplifying EU rules and their implementation, the Commission has adopted Omnibus packages to reduce complexity and compliance costs for businesses, including in sustainability reporting<sup>5</sup>. Further measures are planned in the Commission's 2025 work programme<sup>6</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025DC0030>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0085>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32021R0523>.

<sup>4</sup> [https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/publications/single-market-our-european-home-market-uncertain-world\\_en](https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/publications/single-market-our-european-home-market-uncertain-world_en).

<sup>5</sup> Sustainability Omnibus: [https://finance.ec.europa.eu/publications/commission-simplifies-rules-sustainability-and-eu-investments-delivering-over-eu6-billion\\_en](https://finance.ec.europa.eu/publications/commission-simplifies-rules-sustainability-and-eu-investments-delivering-over-eu6-billion_en).

<sup>6</sup> 2025 Commission work programme: [https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/strategy-documents/commission-work-programme\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/strategy-documents/commission-work-programme_en).