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The Clean Industrial Deal¹ provides a comprehensive strategy to position the EU as a competitive and attractive hub for manufacturing and investments in clean technologies. Its actions include an upcoming Industrial Accelerator Act to strengthen demand for EU-made clean products; an upcoming review of the EU Public Procurement Framework to allow for sustainability, resilience and EU preference criteria for strategic sectors; and a new Clean Industrial Deal State Aid Framework² to incentivise investments in Europe, that allows Member States to provide targeted state aid for industrial decarbonisation and clean energy and technology, including tax incentives.

The Commission also adopted dedicated action plans in strategic sectors, such as the automotive³, steel and metals⁴, and chemical industries⁵, and is also advancing a speedy implementation of the Net-Zero Industry Act⁶ and the Critical Raw Materials Act⁷, which attract investment by facilitating faster permitting and expansion of manufacturing capacity and access to critical raw materials.

The Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform⁸ supports the European industry and boosts investment to strengthen the development and manufacturing of critical technologies in the EU. Building on existing EU programmes, it mobilises investment to reinforce the EU's sovereignty and long-term competitiveness.

The Savings and Investments Union Strategy⁹ aims to reform the EU financial system to mobilise savings towards productive investment.

The use of trade defence measures will shield European industries from unfair global competition and overcapacities. The new Clean Trade and Investment Partnerships, in turn, will contribute to ensuring diversification of supply chains¹⁰.

¹ The Clean Industrial Deal: A joint roadmap for competitiveness and decarbonisation. COM(2025) 85 final.

² Framework for State Aid measures to support the Clean Industrial Deal (Clean Industrial Deal State Aid Framework (CISAF)). C/2025/3602.

³ Industrial Action Plan for the European automotive sector. COM(2025) 95 final.

⁴ A European Steel and Metals Action Plan. COM(2025) 125 final.

⁵ European Chemicals Industry Action Plan. COM(2025) 530 final.

⁶ Regulation (EU) 2024/1735 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on establishing a framework of measures for strengthening Europe's net-zero technology manufacturing ecosystem and amending Regulation (EU) 2018/1724 - Net-Zero Industry Act (NZIA).

⁷ Regulation (EU) 2024/1252 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 April 2024 establishing a framework for ensuring a secure and sustainable supply of critical raw materials and amending Regulations (EU) No 168/2013, (EU) 2018/858, (EU) 2018/1724 and (EU) 2019/1020 - Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA).

⁸ Regulation (EU) 2024/795 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 February 2024 establishing the Strategic Technologies for Europe Platform (STEP), and amending Directive 2003/87/EC and Regulations (EU) 2021/1058, (EU) 2021/1056, (EU) 2021/1057, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) 2021/1060, (EU) 2021/523, (EU) 2021/695, (EU) 2021/697 and (EU) 2021/241.

⁹ Savings and Investments Union, A Strategy to Foster Citizens' Wealth and Economic Competitiveness in the EU. COM(2025) 125 final.

¹⁰ The first clean trade and investment partnership (CTIP) was launched with South Africa in March 2025, focusing on investment, the clean energy transition, skills and technology, and on developing strategic industries along the entire supply chain.