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The Clean Industrial Deal¹ outlines the Commission priorities for the European industrial policy such as securing a resilient pathway for all European industries to achieve decarbonisation while fostering competitiveness. This involves creating a stronger business case as well as leveraging significant climate-neutral investments particularly for energy-intensive industries and clean technologies.

The Commission will propose the Industrial Accelerator Act as a key legislative measure for key strategic sectors and technologies. To spark a virtuous cycle where both supply and demand for low-carbon and made in Europe products increase, lead markets will be supported through the establishment of resilience and sustainability requirements. This can enhance the competitiveness of entire industrial ecosystems across EU Member States, including small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), recognising that the latter form the backbone of Europe's industrial base.

Additionally, the Commission proposed the European Competitiveness Fund² outlining business support measures to connect regions to EU value chains. These include increasing the access and the availability of finance for SMEs and for small mid-cap companies and facilitating access to markets through support to the internationalisation of SMEs, including in less developed regions.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0085>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025PC0555&qid=1753802586340>.