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The European Restructuring Monitor (ERM)¹ provides a repository of case studies and intelligence on restructuring trends. It has reported some 100 cases of offshoring to non-EU countries since 2020², primarily to India, China, the United States and Türkiye³. The observed trends are concentrated in the manufacturing industry, particularly electronics, textiles, transport equipment, machinery and chemicals, putting more than 30 000 jobs at risk⁴.

The Commission closely monitors Europe's competitiveness and analyses its underlying drivers, as presented in the 2026 Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report⁵. The report underscores that barriers and administrative burden remain too high in the Single Market, including at national level. Moreover, high energy prices are weighing on industrial competitiveness and private investment momentum in the EU remains weak. Geopolitical tensions compound competitive pressures and expose vulnerabilities and strategic dependencies in Europe's supply chains.

To address these challenges, the Commission has adopted the Competitiveness Compass⁶ and subsequent initiatives such as the Clean Industrial Deal⁷, the Single Market Strategy⁸ and sectoral action plans⁹, alongside simplification packages¹⁰ to make business easier and faster in Europe. Together with the proposed Industrial Accelerator Act¹¹, the 28th regime/EU Inc.¹² and the forthcoming proposal for the Public Procurement Act, these measures will drive EU competitiveness and industrial renewal.

¹ <https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/en/surveys-and-data/european-restructuring-monitor>.

² These cases concern restructurings with a significant employment impact, as only events that meet certain conditions on the size of the affected workforce are monitored in the ERM. For more details on the ERM dataset, see the Eurofound website: <https://www.eurofound.europa.eu/en/surveys-and-data/european-restructuring-monitor>.

³ India (16 cases), China (12 cases), United States (7 cases) and Türkiye (6 cases).

⁴ Commission calculation based on ERM dataset.

⁵ The 2026 Annual Single Market and Competitiveness Report and the Staff Working Document with the Key Performance Indicators: https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/publications/2026-annual-single-market-and-competitiveness-report_en, COM(2026) 46 final and its accompanying SWD(2026) 30 final.

⁶ COM(2025) 30 final.

⁷ COM(2025) 85 final.

⁸ COM(2025) 500 final.

⁹ COM(2025) 125 final (steel and metals), COM(2025) 530 final (chemicals), COM(2025) 95 final (automotive sector).

¹⁰ https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-making-process/better-regulation/simplification-implementation-enforcement/simplification_en#omnibus-proposals.

¹¹ COM(2026) 100 final.

¹² COM(2026) 321 final.