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10 priorities for the new European Commission - BUSINESSEUROPE

Put competitiveness first to reduce unemployment of 25 million

10 political priorities should lead the new European Commission and President Jean-Claude Juncker to improve the investment climate in Europe and encourage job creating entrepreneurship.

BUSINESSEUROPE President Emma Marcegaglia said:

“Europe is at a cross-road and at the beginning of a new European political cycle. President Juncker should give a clear priority to competitiveness, to well-targeted investments, and insist on reforms. This is the best way to bring more work places to the 25 million unemployed people in Europe today. “

BUSINESSEUROPE Director General Markus J. Beyrer added:

“The Juncker Commission should focus on competitiveness and should fully embrace the objective of generating at least 20% of EU GDP in industry by 2020. We need an ambitious trade agenda, better governance and competitive energy prices”.

In its [message to the new Commission](#) published today BUSINESSEUROPE identified the 10 priorities for the Commission to work on and 10 actions urgently needed within the first year:

1. **Put in place the new structure of the EU Commission** swiftly to better coordinate the actions of all Commissioners and **prioritise competitiveness in all new EU proposals from day one.**
2. **Present the announced European investment plan**, better access to finance and an efficient Banking Union.
3. **Fully embrace the objective of generating at least 20% of EU GDP in industry by 2020.**
4. **Present a flexible EU 2030 energy and climate legislative package**, adaptable to the outcome of the international negotiations in Paris in 2015, **reform the post-2020 EU emissions trading system and stop carbon leakage.**
5. **Work towards the conclusion of an ambitious TTIP agreement** including a state-of-the-art mechanism to protect investment.



6. **Follow on the review of the Europe 2020 strategy and improve** economic policy coordination.
7. **Strike the right balance between protection of citizens' privacy and free flow of data when defining the long-term strategy for the digital single market.**
8. **Build consensus on a European framework for national labour market reforms** aimed at increasing growth and job creation.
9. **Deliver the better regulation agenda without delay** and improve impact assessment, taking into account the cumulative effect of legislation.
10. **Spell out the overall vision of where to take the EU by 2020.**

The text of the publication is also available in [French](#).

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