

**Mr. Frans Timmermans**

First Vice-President for Better Regulation,  
Interinstitutional Relations, the Rule of Law and the  
Charter of Fundamental Rights

**Mr. Jyrki Katainen**

Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and  
Competitiveness

**Mrs. Elżbieta Bieńkowska**

European Commissioner for the Internal Market,  
Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

European Commission  
Rue de la Loi / Wetstraat 200  
BE-1049 Brussels  
BELGIUM

30 September 2016

Dear First Vice-President,  
Dear Vice-President,  
Dear Commissioner,

The commitment of the European Commission to a strong industry is key to put Europe back on a sustainable path of growth. Industrial competitiveness must be at the centre of policy-making if we want to really improve the business environment and build a strong and innovative industrial base, with positive spill-over effects in all economic sectors.

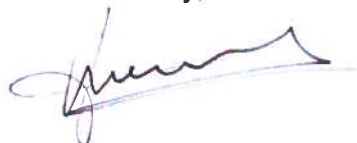
Next month, the European Commission will decide on its work programme for 2017. As the Alliance for Competitive European Industry, representing 11 major European industrial sectors and BusinessEurope, we call on you to have a dedicated communication, with an ambitious roadmap, on EU industrial policy in next year's work programme.

Industry itself is looking for solutions as we grapple with global competition and complex, interconnected value chains. However, we will not succeed if we do not have favourable conditions for investment in the EU. That is why we need a structured industrial dialogue at EU level to take stock of what has been done so far, what brings results on the ground, or not, and what needs to be changed or initiated.

We firmly believe that such a reality check is needed now if we want to reach our common objective of strengthening Europe's industrial base.

We thank you in advance for taking our views into consideration and look forward to working with you on this important dossier.

Yours sincerely,



Marco Mensink  
Chair  
(Cefic Director General)



Markus J. Beyrer  
Co-chair  
(BusinessEurope Director General)