

A selection of EESC positions

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Competitiveness & Single Market

- EU's competitiveness agenda underscores Europe's imperative to enhance its international competitiveness across various domains amid global tensions by:
 - **achieving sustained and inclusive economic recovery**
 - **safeguarding businesses, jobs, and livelihoods**
 - **restoring eroding competitiveness**
 - **securing EU global leadership in environmental and digital transformation.**

EESC position on competitiveness

- **Investing in research and innovation.**
- **Implementing structural reforms while enhancing the role of collective bargaining.**
- **Completing the (digital) single market and capital markets union.**
- **Screening foreign investments more efficiently.**
- **Leading global coordination.**

EESC position on New European Industrial Strategy

- **Reversing years of decline in manufacturing sector and increasing microchips production in the EU.**
- **Closer collaboration across Member States and with strategic partners in research and development.**
- **Directing relevant EU programmes to support industry across the EU.**

EESC position on Next Generation of Own Resources

- **Supports urgency of addressing budget shortfall facing the European Commission budget. The alternatives are unacceptable.**
- **Supports temporary own resource which will be calculated as 0.5% of the notional EU company profit base, an indicator calculated by Eurostat based on national accounts statistics.**
- **Supports new own resource which would direct 30% of the revenues from emissions trading in the EU to the EU budget.**
- **Supports that 75% of what EU countries collect under CBAM should go to the EU budget.**

EESC position on Green Transition and its impact of Low-income households

- Supports Social Climate Fund and Just Transition Fund but acknowledges the funding limitations of both relative to the challenges arising from the green transition particularly in housing and transport.**
- Low-income households and vulnerable groups will be impacted more than higher-income households.**
- This requires either tax policy review or income support or a combination of both, to ensure low-income households are not excluded from the transition.**

EESC position on collective bargaining

- **Recognises that collective bargaining plays a key role in enhancing economic growth.**
- **There isn't one model that applies to all Member States, but a hybrid approach is deemed more appropriate depending on the circumstances of each Member State.**
- **Achieving a balance of economic power supports effective social dialogue and is consistent with the EU's social model as outlined in EPSR.**
- **It is not enough to increase collective bargaining coverage. This needs to be complemented by efforts/policies to increase trade union density.**