

EUROCHAMBRES' reaction to the European Green Deal

EUROCHAMBRES welcome the Commission's Communication on the European Green Deal. Climate change, and especially the challenge of creating a functioning circular economy, have been defined as one of the priorities of Chambers for the new mandate. In this context, we see the ambitious programme outlined in the Communication as first step with the hard work yet to come. Protection and sustainable use of resources have to be balanced with no one interest prevailing over the other.

SMEs in particular need a stable framework including assistance and guidance on their transition to more sustainable forms of production and consumption. In order to do so, all measures need to be aligned and coherent. Contradicting legislation and incentives must be tackled and resolved by strong coordination of all stakeholders involved. We appreciate the Commission's strong focus on legal coherence.

EUROCHAMBRES' President, Christoph Leitl said, "Promoting research and innovation in climate-friendly solutions, enhanced action with regards to the Circular Economy as well as the intention for an increased push at the global stage are objectives shared and supported by the Chambers of Commerce".

The European Union has to make sure that its ambition is also echoed globally. International efforts to bring other regions on board for the sustainable transition have to be further intensified. A level playing field for the European economy is essential if we want to remain competitive and offer our partners a viable business model to follow suit. In addition to legal coherence this will help to strengthen the commitment of all parts of society.

In addition it is important for the business community to establish clear, long-term signals to ensure planning security. This is why we see increased emission reduction targets for 2030 and the subsequent revision of legislation, that hasn't even been fully transposed yet, very critically. EUROCHAMBRES will also monitor very closely plans for a potential establishment of a carbon border adjustment mechanism and the wider international implications that any such action would entail.

"Let's not forget that businesses are part of the solution, without our companies there can be no successful transition to a more sustainable economy. We must challenge them, certainly, but we must be very careful not to overburden them", concluded Leitl.

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