



DECLARATION ON

THE FUTURE OF

EUROPE



SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Further simplification and harmonisation in the Single Market:

The Single Market requires a significant deepening to ensure further simplification and harmonisation of procedures, whilst protectionist measures by Member States must be tackled with urgency by the Commission. More support for businesses to embrace digitalisation is needed.

A staggered approach towards achieving the EU Green Deal objectives:

Shorter-term intermediary milestones for reducing emissions may serve as better stepping-stones, taking into account technological readiness and the characteristics of each Member State.

Addressing skills shortages:

The EU must adopt simpler procedures to attract third country nationals, whilst continuing to coordinate between Member States to facilitate the cooperation of educational and VET providers with the private sector through support programmes and tools in the field of education and training.

Improving the quality of legislation:

The 2016 Inter-Institutional Agreement on Better Law-Making needs to be properly implemented, particularly the crucial provision mandating the Council and Parliament to conduct impact assessments of substantial amendments made to Commission proposals during the legislative process to ensure the quality of legislation. In addition, all legislation must fully respect the proportionality principle whilst avoiding one-size-fits-all measures and keeping in mind the specific realities of island states.