

European Industry in a Critical State: Need to Establish Measures that Guarantee a Level Playing Field for Competitiveness

The European Regional Governments, in our duty of ensuring the general welfare of citizens, the preservation of wealth and high-quality employment in our regions, observe with concern how paradoxically, at a time of unprecedented expansion of renewable capacity in Europe, the European renewable industry is being excluded from the market instead of actively participating in these projects. Therefore, we, the undersigned, declare that:

1. The European renewable industry has long been experiencing a continuous weakening, with objective evidence of a drastic reduction in revenue and profitability, and **is currently facing an extreme situation.**
2. **Legislative measures adopted by the European Union**, such as the Net Zero Industry Act (NZIA), the Wind Power Action Plan (WPAP) and the European Solar Charter (ESC), **have proven to be insufficient to promote manufacturing within Europe**, and there is no evidence that these regulations can reverse the current trend, either in the short or long term.
3. **More far-reaching measures should be established in order to ensure a level playing field for business competitiveness and to explicitly promote manufacturing in Europe.** Other world leaders in the energy transition, such as the United States and India, have already successfully implemented similar policies. The **European Committee of the Regions** also supports this vision, as stated in **Article 58 of its opinion CdR-0710-2024**, adopted at its 162nd plenary session on 7-9 October.
4. In light of the possibility opened by **the Clean Industrial Deal**, it is essential to implement specific measures to protect the value chain, not only to **preserve employment and know-how in this strategic industry**, but also to **guarantee the European Union's energy independence.**
5. We are at a decisive moment to define the necessary actions to protect and strengthen the renewable industry and, **given the urgency of the situation, we call on the competent European institutions to address this issue immediately and with all the resources at their disposal.** Otherwise, we will face the loss of a key industry for the future of Europe.

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