

With reindustrialization as the overarching aim, the ITRE Committee will have four priority areas on which to concentrate.

First of all, we must ensure that EU's legal and economic framework enables the European industrial sector to become more innovative. This will require adapting and mobilizing EU's R&D and education programs to effectively respond to the actual needs of the industry.

Secondly, EU's policies must boost the development and growth of European small and medium-sized enterprises. Helping strengthen SMEs is as much about financing, as about openness of research programs, skills-development training schemes, or fiscal legislation.

Our third priority area is to build a true European digital market. It is about the advantages of scale of a European market to lower the costs and drive the innovativeness of Europe's businesses. Both ITRE and the Parliament as a whole can show a very good record in this field – and we will still go further, with new legislation.

Last, but perhaps most importantly, exploiting the full potential of EU's common energy policy will be a fundamental priority for us. Only with secure energy can we make our economy globally competitive and avoid economic decline.

Our aim is to bring the European economy back on the growth track, and to do so in a sustainable way. We want to make Europe a better place to live.