

EUROPE 2020

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Europe 2020: economic context

- Global challenges intensify: competition from developed and emerging economies, global finance, climate change and pressure on resources
- Europe's structural weaknesses have been exposed: lower growth potential, productivity gap, high and rising unemployment, ageing, limited fiscal room

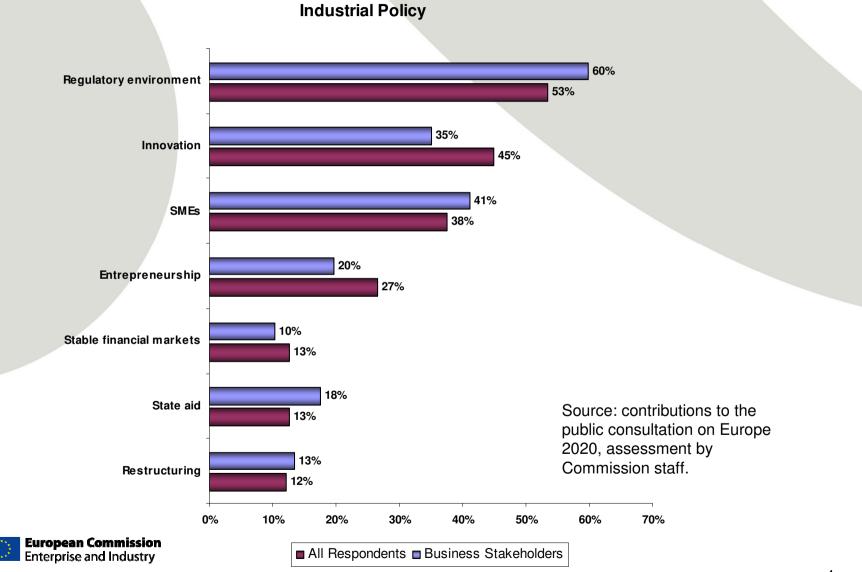


New setup for Europe 2020

- Steer from European Council
- Recognition of interdependence
- Calls for reinforced monitoring of progress
- EU's weight in global context make use of EU level instruments: Single market and external policies, EU budget, Stability and Growth Pact



Suggested priorities for Europe 2020



EU level headline targets for 2020

75 % employment rate (20-64 year population)

3% of GDP invested in R&D (now 2%)

"20/20/20" climate/energy targets met (incl. 30% emissions reduction if conditions are right)

<10% early school leavers (now 1/7); 40% hold tertiary degree (now less than 1/3)</p>

20 million people less should be at risk of poverty



Seven flagship initiatives

Smart Growth	Sustainable Growth	Inclusive Growth
Innovation « Innovation Union »	Climate, energy and mobility	Employment and skills
	« Resource efficient Europe »	« Agenda for new skills and jobs »
Education	Competitiveness	Fighting poverty
« Youth on the move »	« Industrial policy for the	« European platform against
Digital society	globalisation era »	poverty »
« Digital agenda for Europe »		



Europe 2020 roadmap

- November 2009: Commission launches public consultation. 1400 contributions received: <u>ec.europa.eu/eu2020</u>
- ✤ 3 March 2010: Commission proposal (COM(2010)2020)
- 25 March 2010: European Council: endorse overall approach, EU headline targets and governance
- 17-18 June 2010: European Council: approve the strategy, including the integrated guidelines and national targets
- After June: launch of flagship initiatives, e.g. new industrial policy, research and innovation action plan

