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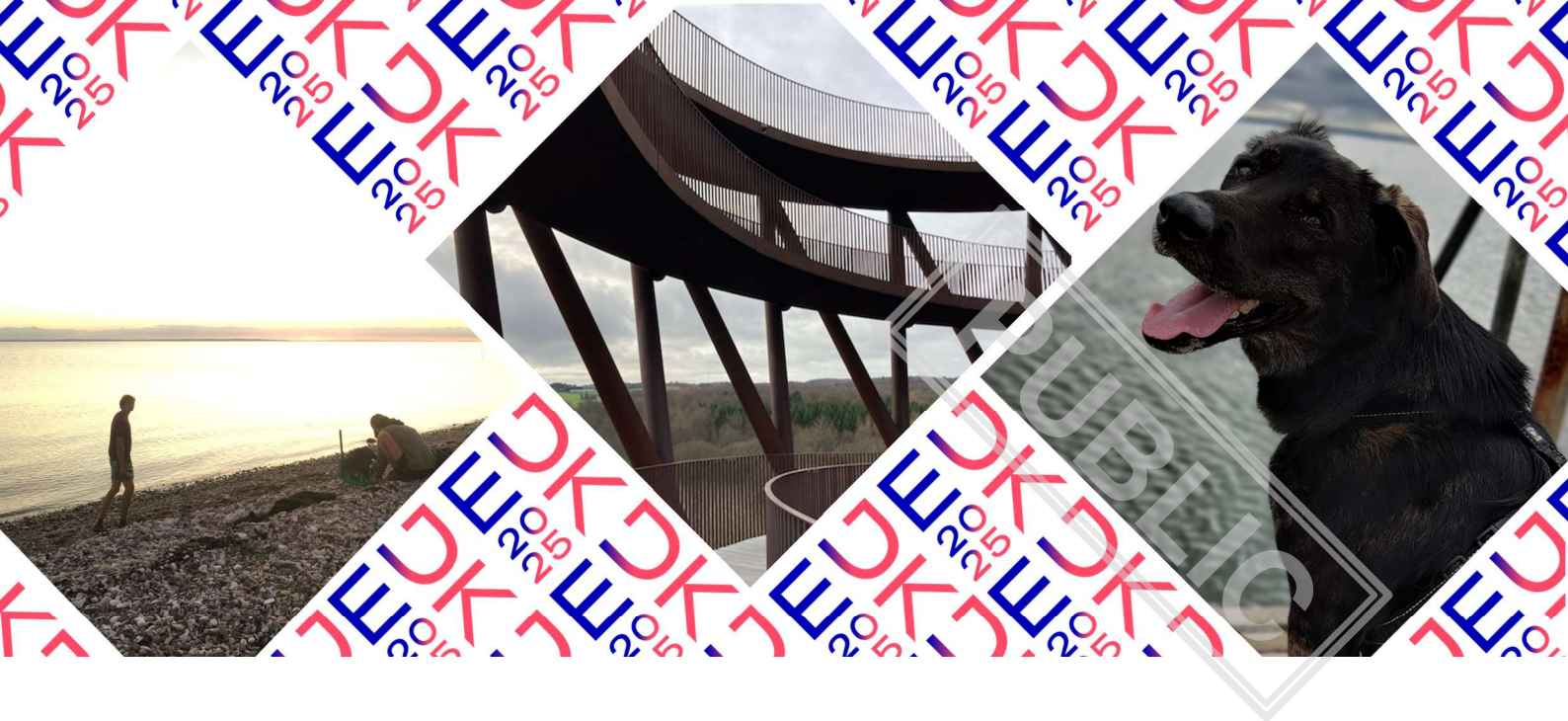
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PRESIDENCY FLASH NOTE

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28 November meeting of the Working Party on Competitiveness and Growth (Industry), format 1+2

Dear colleagues,

With several action plans moving forward, the presentation of the Bioeconomy Strategy coming up, and last, but not least, Ministers getting ready for the Competitiveness Council on 8 December 2025, the Presidency has the pleasure of inviting you to this Working Party meeting.

It will be a full day meeting, with the morning session dedicated to a discussion on decarbonisation and competitiveness of EU industry, and how industry can help deliver on the clean energy commitments. After this discussion, DG GROW will present its first stage note for a potential Memorandum of Understanding with Brazil to establish a partnership on raw materials value chains.

The afternoon session will be dedicated to the upcoming Chips Act 2.0 (including information on the outcome of the table-top exercise of 24 November 2025), and to a presentation of the industrial aspects of the Bioeconomy Strategy.

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Morning session 1: Delivering on the Climate Law – The Role of Industrial Policy in the Green Transition and Competitiveness

The morning discussion will focus on how EU industry and industrial policy can contribute to achieving the objectives of the European Climate Law through innovation, investment, competition, and the transformation of traditional industries.

To support this effort, the Presidency welcomes recent papers such as the Berlin Declaration – Friends of Industry 2025, the Copenhagen Pledge, and the Franco-German Economic Agenda. Despite their different origins, these documents share a common commitment to strengthening Europe's industrial base, emphasising the need for regulatory simplification, targeted support for green technologies, better access to capital, and the creation of lead markets. They stress that climate ambition and competitiveness are mutually reinforcing when industrial policy is innovation-driven and coordinated.

The recent Climate Law agreement within the Council on introducing a binding intermediate target for 2040 of a 90% reduction in net greenhouse gas emissions sets clear and predictable conditions for the industry to help drive the green transition without losing competitiveness.

Key aspects to be discussed will include creating lead markets and spurring innovation. Lead markets should stimulate demand for products or services in a specific market. To do this efficiently and in a coordinated manner, we need to agree on the kind of markets to be expanded and the tools to be used.

Following a presentation from the Commission on the above topics, we will invite delegations to express their views on the below elements:

- What should be the three markets to expand or create as a first priority by introducing lead market initiatives?

- What would be the three most efficient tools to expand or stimulate demand in a specific market?
- What should be done at EU level to support the development of robust lead markets, thereby promoting competitiveness, decarbonisation and innovation?

Morning session 2: Information from the Commission – 1st phase of MoU with Brazil

DG GROW will present its intention to initiate negotiations with Brazil on behalf of the EU, aiming to establish a Memorandum of Understanding on a partnership on raw materials value chains, with nickel, rare earths and lithium among the currently identified concrete industrial projects. The partnership will cover areas such as value chain integration, environmental, social and governance cooperation, research and innovation, infrastructure financing, and capacity building.

Member States will be invited to indicate whether they can agree to authorising the Commission to take up the negotiations.

Afternoon session 1: Chips Act 2.0

At the beginning of the afternoon session, under “Any other business”, DG CNECT will share key takeaways from the high-level table-top exercise conducted in collaboration with CHIPDIPLO on 24 November 2025. The exercise should assess the preparedness for and ability to coordinate a response to a disruption in the semiconductor supply chain.

Afterwards, DG CNECT will also deliver an update on the Nexperia case, which has continuously unfolded throughout the past weeks and continues to do so, underscoring the need for robust and well-coordinated crisis management procedures.

The first topic of this session will then continue with a presentation of the public consultation on the upcoming Chips Act 2.0, as the feedback deadline for the Call for Evidence coincides with the date of the Industry Working Party meeting.

Considering the above, we invite you to reflect on the following questions:

- What lessons can we draw from the table-top exercise to enhance our collective resilience to disruptions in the semiconductor supply chain?
- What measures should be considered in the Chips Act 2.0 to safeguard Europe's interests, while balancing open markets with strategic security needs?

Afternoon session 2: Bioeconomy Strategy

The afternoon session will continue with a DG ENV presentation of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy, focusing on its industry-oriented initiatives. Following the presentation, delegations will be invited to discuss how industrial biotechnologies can drive innovation and economic growth. This will serve to inform political discussions on upcoming initiatives targeted at the introduction of new biotechnological solutions to the European market, including the forthcoming Biotech Acts.

To guide the discussion, the following questions are proposed:

- How do we create synergies between the implementation of the Bioeconomy Strategy and other related industrial policy actions such as the implementation of the Clean Industrial Deal?
- Which of the Strategy's actions should be reflected in the Biotech Act II, and which ones should be addressed through other Commission initiatives?

Best regards,

Danish Presidency Team