

There is no net-zero without SMEs

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EC communication



Climate action



Sustainable
competitiveness



Just transition



Global level playing
field



Strategic dialogue

2030
2040
2050

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SMEs in industrial ecosystems




SMEs play a key role in all industrial ecosystems. A strong and competitive manufacturing base is a precondition for a fair and just transition.

| Industrial ecosystem | Number | Employment | Added value |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Construction | 99.98 % | 76 % | 70 % |
| Energy-intensive industries | 99.24 % | 51 % | 38 % |
| Energy / renewables | 99.46 % | 40 % | 45 % |

2040 target

SMEUnited position

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- Science-based
 - Robust
 - Feasible
 - Enabling framework for sustainable competitiveness
 - Set in due time to ensure planning stability

An enabling framework for SMEs must include



Access to renewable energy



Access to green finance



Access to support close to the ground

In listening mode

Opportunities and shortcomings

- Clean Transition Dialogues
- SME Climate Dialogue
- National level: consultations on NECPs, RePowerEU, Teritorial Just Transition Plans
- Local Just Transition Councils
- Just Transition Observatory





TAKE ACTION

Thank you for your attention!

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