

# 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



# 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 %



## SME's environmental footprint

**63.3 %**

of all CO2 and GHG emissions



# 2040 target

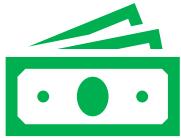
## SMEunited position

- 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, Territorial Just Transition Plans
- Local Just Transition Councils
- Just Transition Observatory



TAKE ACTION

# Thank you for your attention!

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