



European Round Table for Industry

Press Statement

PRESIDENT MACRON, CHANCELLOR MERKEL AND PRESIDENT-ELECT VON DER LEYEN MEET ERT DELEGATION IN TOULOUSE

TOULOUSE, 16 October 2019 - President Macron, Chancellor Merkel, European Commission President-elect von der Leyen and Members of the European Round Table for Industry (ERT) met in Toulouse today to discuss the best ways to enable a renewed long-term industrial strategy for Europe.

ERT Members, all CEOs and Chairs of Europe's largest industrial companies, underlined that European integration has delivered peace and prosperity over the past seven decades – but urged Europe to take action to deliver on the most pressing issues for the generations to come. As significant employers, innovators and investors in European regions, industry wants to contribute.

The Leaders exchanged on the following priority areas:

1. **Boosting Europe's global competitiveness** by unleashing investment in research and innovation, strengthening the Single Market, and developing an effective European industrial strategy that includes smart competition policies.
2. **Driving forward Europe's digital transformation** by rapidly rolling-out 5G, unleashing the full potential of digitalisation, data and artificial intelligence so that Europe can be at the global forefront.
3. **Increasing climate action towards carbon neutrality** by advancing an effective energy transition and an industrial policy to reach the targets of the Paris Climate Agreement, while safeguarding European companies' global competitiveness.
4. **Ensuring fair and rules-based global trade** and taking a strong position in the face of unfair behaviour.
5. **Addressing the skills gap** by increasing investment in education, training, and reskilling while facilitating co-operation between the public and private sector.

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Note to Editors:

The European Round Table for Industry (ERT) is a forum that brings together around 55 Chief Executives and Chairmen of major multinational companies of European parentage, covering a wide range of industrial and technological sectors. ERT strives for a strong, open and competitive Europe, with the EU, including its Single Market, as a driver for inclusive growth and sustainable prosperity. Companies of ERT Members are widely situated across Europe, with combined revenues exceeding €2,250 billion, sustaining around 6.8 million jobs in the region. They invest more than €50 billion annually in R&D, largely in Europe.

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Dinner Meeting with President Macron and Chancellor Merkel Toulouse, 16 October 2019

ERT Delegation

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| 1. | Carl-Henric Svanberg | Chair, ERT
Chairman, AB Volvo |
| 2. | Dimitri Papalexopoulos | Vice-Chair, ERT
Chief Executive Officer, Titan Cement |
| 3. | Zoltán Áldott | Chairman of the Supervisory Board, MOL |
| 4. | José María Álvarez-Pallete | Chairman & CEO, Telefónica |
| 5. | Martin Brudermüller | Chairman of the Board of Executive Directors, BASF |
| 6. | Pierre-André de Chalendar | Chairman & CEO, Saint-Gobain |
| 7. | Jean-Pierre Clamadieu | Chairman, ENGIE |
| 8. | Ignacio S. Galán | Chairman & CEO, Iberdrola |
| 9. | Paul Hermelin | Chairman & CEO, Capgemini |
| 10. | Timotheus Höttges | Chief Executive Officer, Deutsche Telekom |
| 11. | Frans van Houten | President & CEO, Royal Philips |
| 12. | Leif Johansson | Chairman, AstraZeneca |
| 13. | Ilham Kadri | Chief Executive Officer, Solvay |
| 14. | Martin Lundstedt | President & CEO, AB Volvo |
| 15. | Benoît Potier | Chairman & CEO, Air Liquide |
| 16. | Patrick Pouyanné | Chairman & CEO, Total |
| 17. | Nick Read | Chief Executive Officer, Vodafone Group |
| 18. | Stéphane Richard | Chairman & CEO, Orange |
| 19. | Gianfelice Rocca | Chairman, Techint Group of Companies |
| 20. | Risto Siilasmaa | Chairman, Nokia |
| 21. | Søren Skou | Chief Executive Officer, A.P. Møller-Mærsk |
| 22. | Tony Smurfit | Chief Executive Officer, Smurfit Kappa Group |
| 23. | Hans Van Bylen | Chief Executive Officer, Henkel |
| 24. | Jacob Wallenberg | Chairman, Investor AB |
| 25. | Frank Heemskerk | Secretary General, ERT |