

Abstract



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Keynote - Futuring European Industry

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Industry is the backbone of the European economy, producing 80% of Europe's exports; accounting for 2/3 of private research and innovation; providing high skilled jobs. Industrial activities are integrated in increasingly rich and complex value chains, linking flagship corporations and small or medium enterprises (SMEs) across sectors and countries. However, there has been a decline in manufacturing to 15.1% of GDP and approximately 3.5 million jobs have been lost in those sectors since 2008.

The FUTURING project aims at contributing to define a strategy for the re-industrialization of Europe, by focusing on the role of Research and Innovation within the framework of other dimensions – Economy, Society, Environment, Globalization, Geopolitics– and incoming paradigms such as Circular Economy. It explores future scenarios, concerning EU Industry, through the use of foresight and other policy intelligence tools, to identify critical factors on which action should be taken in order to overcome barriers and to foster opportunities for the EU re-industrialization process.