EUROPEAN INDUSTRIAL FASTENERS INSTITUTE

JOINT CALL TO ACTION

Industrial Accelerator Act: Safeguarding European Manufacturing Across the Entire Automotive Value Chain

European and national industry associations call for an ambitious Industrial Accelerator Act (IAA) that strengthens European industrial capacity, supports manufacturing SMEs and protects value creation throughout the automotive supply chain.

The competitiveness of Europe's automotive industry depends not only on vehicle manufacturers and major Tier-1 suppliers, but also on the extensive network of specialized component producers, including fastener manufacturers, producers of manufacturing technologies, and other upstream and midstream industrial companies. These businesses underpin employment, innovation, resilience and strategic autonomy across Europe.

Building on the EIFI White Paper on the Industrial Accelerator Act, the undersigned associations call on the EU institutions to ensure that the IAA delivers tangible benefits across the entire value chain, rather than concentrating its effects solely on the final stages of production.

Our shared priorities

1. A comprehensive automotive scope. Extend the IAA's automotive provisions beyond battery-electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles to include hybrid vehicles and Euro 7-compliant internal-combustion vehicles.

2. Meaningful Made-in-EU requirements for vehicles. Establish a Made-in-EU threshold of at least 80% for vehicles, with clear, workable and verifiable implementation rules.

3. Protection of European automotive components and manufacturing SMEs. Introduce an effective Made-in-EU requirement for automotive components, with an average threshold of 70% or an equivalent mechanism based on value added generated within the European Union. Ensure that these measures explicitly support SMEs and midstream manufacturers throughout the automotive supply chain, safeguarding European production, employment, investment and technological capabilities.

4. Effective safeguards for strategic industrial capacity. Strengthen foreign direct investment screening in the automotive sector, beyond green technologies alone, to protect critical European manufacturing capabilities.

A Benchmark for Europe's Wider Industrial Strategy

A strong and inclusive automotive IAA, fully recognising the strategic role of manufacturing SMEs and safeguarding their position across European industrial value chains, can set a credible precedent for future European industrial policy initiatives, including the potential extension of Made-in-EU requirements to other strategic manufacturing sectors. Conversely, measures focused only on final assembly risk accelerating the very deindustrialisation that the IAA seeks to prevent.

We therefore urge the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council to reflect these priorities in the design and implementation of the Industrial Accelerator Act and to engage closely with associations representing the full European manufacturing value chain.

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Fiev ÉQUIPER LE FUTUR DE L'AUTOMOTIVE

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FORGE FONDERIE FEDERATION

CLIFA Comité de Liaison des industries fournisseurs de l'automobile

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ASEFI Asociación de fabricantes de elementos de fijación metálicos

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SPS Stowarzyszenie Polskich Producentów Sprężyn

STV Stabziehereien-Vereinigung e.V. Blankstahl und mehr...

ESV Eisendraht- und Stahldraht-Vereinigung e.V.

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