

## Industry endorsement of the Semiconductor Coalition declaration: Bold action, proper preconditions, and a business case for Europe

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### **Industry welcomes and supports the declaration of the Semiconductor Coalition Europe.**

The declaration **recognises the scope of the challenges** faced by European industry and **represents the needs of industry looking forward**. We reaffirm the ambitions of building prosperity, indispensability, and resilience in the next iteration of the Chips Act, and we believe that the policy priorities lay the groundwork for a strong European semiconductor strategy.

We urge the signatories to immediately start a process to define clear goals and underpin these goals with a measurable execution strategy. This should happen in closest partnership with industry, to take the right decisions to ensure future competitiveness of the semiconductor industry in Europe. Too often do we falter on the necessary action to meet such ambitions. The semiconductor industry is growing and will continue to do so, particularly **key end markets such as AI (infrastructure and applications), automotive, factory automation, data centres and connectivity, energy infrastructure, aerospace, and defence**. As the industry for the industry, the time to capitalise on this growth is now.

Strong ownership and execution on the priorities laid out in the declaration are imperative for attracting the level of investment necessary to sustain and expand foundational and leading-edge semiconductor development and production in Europe in the short-term. Successful execution should include the following three (3) actions:

- (1) **Bold action and clear ownership from the Commission and Member States** to bring the Declaration to life;
- (2) **Establish the necessary preconditions for a healthy business climate**, including regulatory and administrative simplification, incentive programmes, faster permitting, grid access, power supply, stable supporting infrastructure, talent attractiveness, free and fair trade, and secure access to critical raw materials, and **a mindset shift in policymaking for highly strategic industry sectors such as semiconductors**, that institutionalises involvement of industry in policymaking; and
- (3) **Develop a market- and industry-driven business case** to connect European and global end markets and facilitate European and international partnerships and investments. Government and industry must work in close coordination to ensure that the development of the ecosystem matches the demand in Europe and beyond. The business case should also include an assessment of revenue potential, required production capacities and analyse relevant investment factors (costs, risks, EU location conditions).

As the global demand for semiconductors continues to expand, Europe must act now to secure its role in this dynamic market. Growth opportunities exist, but Europe's ability to capitalise on them depends on proactive measures to overcome challenges in key sectors and align its industrial strategy with market needs. This is a pivotal moment, requiring close collaboration between industry and policymakers to strengthen Europe's competitiveness and seize emerging opportunities. Industry supports the Semiconductor Coalition Europe and will work tightly with key players to ensure that the ambitions of the Coalition are achieved.

The parties listed below confirm their endorsement of the state above:

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