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# EFIP: New Winds in Europe



# Policy Priorities 2025-2029





# Political Context

- Draghi Report
- Stagnating European Economy
- Ukraine War
- US Pivot



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# Von Der Leyen II

- The European Commission has launched the Clean Industrial Deal (CID) and Omnibus Packages to decarbonize industry, enhance competitiveness, and simplify regulations.
- These initiatives aim to cut administrative burdens, support industrial transformation, and improve sustainability while maintaining economic resilience.
- Inland ports, while not a direct focus, will be impacted by investment frameworks and transport sustainability initiatives.



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# Overview of the Clean Industrial Deal (CID)

•The CID is the EU's new industrial strategy designed to:

## **1. Decarbonization & Industrial Transformation**

- Green hydrogen, carbon capture, electrification.
- Sector-specific emissions reduction targets.

## **2. Investment & Financial Support**

- Innovation Fund, Industrial Decarbonisation Bank, InvestEU.

## **3. Industrial Competitiveness**

- Support for green manufacturing & resilient supply chains.

## **4. Circular Economy & Resource Efficiency**

- Recycling, reverse logistics, industrial symbiosis.

## **5. Regulatory & Policy Support**

- Streamlined permitting, tax incentives, state aid reform.



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# Overview of the Omnibus Packages

- Legislative proposals aimed at reducing regulatory complexity and unlocking investment.
- Focus areas:
  - Reducing administrative burdens (25% overall, 35% for SMEs).
  - Simplifying sustainability reporting and due diligence obligations.
  - Easing compliance with the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM).
  - Enhancing access to EU financial programs.
- **Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) Simplifications**
  - 80% of companies removed from reporting obligations.
  - Most inland ports exempted from complex sustainability reporting.
- **Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) Adjustments**
  - Exemptions for small importers.
  - Streamlined emissions reporting.
- **Investment Support & Reduced Compliance Costs**
  - Easier access to InvestEU and infrastructure funding.



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## Multiannual Financial Framework

- The MFF 2028-2034 will shape EU investment priorities for the coming years.
- Expected to include:
  - Move from programme focus to policy focus
  - More flexibility for moving spending
  - National action plans
- EFIP is advocating for continued access to EU funding streams
- Continuation of CEF (Confirmed)



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## Sustainable Transport Investment Plan (STIP)

- Part of the CID, STIP prioritizes sustainable transport investment.
- **Key areas:**
  - Support for low-carbon fuels in shipping and transport.
  - Expansion of recharging & refueling infrastructure.
  - Incentives for shifting towards rail and sustainable transport.
- Inland ports must position themselves for funding under STIP.
- High focus on Aviation and Waterborne
- Unclear relationship with CEF





# EFIP Military Mobility

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## **The EU White Paper on Defence – Readiness 2030 highlights military mobility as essential for security**

- Inland ports play a strategic role in transporting military personnel and equipment
- Investment in infrastructure and regulatory improvements are critical
- Integrated into multi-modal transport corridors
- Upgrades needed for dual-use capabilities (military & civilian)
- Streamlining regulations to ensure rapid deployment
- Expanding specialized transport assets

### Review EU legislation to remove mobility barriers

- Upgrade critical infrastructure, including inland ports
  - Secure access to specialized transport facilities
- Upcoming Communications: Military Mobility (2024), Preparedness Union Strategy (26 March), EU Internal Security Strategy (1 April).



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# European Port Strategy

- Expected no earlier than 2026
- Came from Parliament request to take action on external direct investment
- **Key areas:**
  - Investment and control in ports
  - Rest still unknown
- Unsure if inland ports will be in the scope
- Full actions still to be decided

Thank you!

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