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- construction sector very interested in developing materials that can support energy storage
- steel industry has lots of ideas for low-carbon projects through the Innovation Fund, but some of these will be expensive projects (over 1 billion euro) and large-scale demonstration will need some flexibility on the co-financing and state aid side
- some of the associations expressed concern about regulatory overlap and industry's ability to absorb the cumulative effect of regulation under climate, energy, environmental and circular economy strands, mentioning the idea of cumulative cost assessment at some point
- referring to industry's recent request for an EU industry policy and this week's Competitiveness Council discussion, the associations pressed for clear political commitment to keep manufacturing and process industries, their supply chains and associated jobs in Europe at a time when certain industries are being lured away to the US
- warning that on the innovation side, mixed messages are coming out of the Commission, with industry perceiving a Commission preference for focusing more on basic research rather than large-scale commercialisation of emerging innovations

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From: MENSINK Marco [REDACTED]  
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Subject: ACEI guest next Thursday

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the call. We would like to very much welcome you next Thursday 23rd 08:00 - 09:00 at Cefic for the breakfast for the Alliance of Competitive European Industries.

Chatham house rules - attending are the DG's of the largest European federations (see below my signature).

Both Winter Package and Circular are good topics. Next steps?

Also the industrial policy and Industry Day could be interesting.

Regards

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The Alliance for a Competitive European Industry has been formed in 2004 by 11 major European industry sector associations and BusinessEurope. The common objective of its members is to promote the competitiveness of European industry on a global scale. The Alliance therefore encourages a policy and regulatory framework that supports that objective, reinforcing and complementing BusinessEurope work in this respect by providing a sectoral perspective.

The industry sectors concerned represent the interests at EU level of some 6,000 large companies and 1.7 millions SMEs with a combined output of nearly EUR 5,000 billion turnover and EUR 1,300 billion added value. These companies directly employ about 23 million people in the EU.

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- \* Marco Mensink, Alliance Chair and Director General of Cefic
- \* Markus J. Beyrer, Alliance Co-Chairman and Director General of BusinessEurope

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