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Informal meeting of Ministers responsible for Competitiveness (Internal Market and Industry)

2 – 3 February 2026

Nicosia, 23 December 2025

Dear Colleague,

I am delighted to invite you to the Informal Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Competitiveness (Internal Market and Industry) taking place in Nicosia on 2-3 February 2026.

Amid geopolitical shifts affecting trade, energy security, and critical raw materials, this Informal Meeting will provide an opportunity to exchange views on strengthening the EU's economic resilience, advancing strategic autonomy, and fostering sustainable, inclusive growth, while safeguarding consumers and promoting a more competitive Union.

Our gathering will start on Monday, February 2, with a guided tour in Nicosia followed by a gala dinner at Nicosia 360, the capital's tallest building that offers a panoramic view of the City Centre and its surroundings. Representatives of the European Parliament will join us for the dinner.

The first session, on the second day of the Meeting, will focus on ways to strengthen the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base. A central obstacle to the competitiveness of our defence sector remains the lack of scale; integrating defence, and industrial policy under a single strategic framework is essential.

After a break, and the opportunity to take a family photo, we will continue with the second session on the Competitiveness Compass; reflecting on one year of implementation, highlighting key

challenges, and suggesting possible ways forward to accelerating delivery and enhancing effectiveness.

The Meeting will conclude with a working lunch, during which the Commission will present the Consumer Agenda 2030. This will provide an opportunity for delegations to exchange views on key consumer protection challenges highlighted in the Agenda.

Please find attached the Practical Information Note, containing details on accreditation, accommodation and other logistics. The final agenda and discussion papers will be circulated in due course.

I am looking forward to welcoming you to Nicosia in February.

Yours faithfully,



Michael Damianos
Minister for Energy, Commerce and Industry