



Federal Ministry
for Economic Affairs
and Energy

8th Friends of Industry Ministerial Meeting

Monday, 3rd November 2025, 10:30 – 14:00

Radialsystem

Holzmarktstraße 33, 10243 Berlin

- 09:30** **Check-In**
Welcome coffee & bilateral exchange
- 10:00** **Press Statement**
Katherina Reiche, Minister BMW
Stéphane Séjourné, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission
- 10:30** **Opening Session**
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- 11:00** **Policy Discussion**
Strengthening Competitiveness of the European Industry – Measures needed

Pitch by Prof. Dr. Justus Haucap
Director of the Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economies (DICE)

11:00 Policy Discussion
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Discussion

Policy Questions:

What economic barriers most significantly impact the competitiveness of European industries? Please name the three most urgent measures which need to be taken by the European Commission?

What is needed to support the digital transition of industry within a global challenging competitive framework? How can we exploit the potential value added of digitalisation in the industry in Europe?

How can we reduce bureaucratic burden – beyond the Omnibus proposals?

12:30 Adoption of Declaration and Family Photo

13:00 Working Lunch on Minister-level
Securing the resilience of our industry and EU's defence
capabilities

Policy Questions:

Do we need EU preference to secure resilience? How can it be realized in an unbureaucratic, effective and targeted way?

How can we exploit the full potential of spillover effects from defence investment for our industry with the aim of boosting innovation?

Please note that the delegation size will be 1 + 2 (Minister and two delegates) for each delegation.

The Conference will be held in English. The Delegations may be accompanied by an interpreter. In this case, they are invited to report it to the following contact
friendsofindustry@bmwe.bund.de.

Any questions about the programme and organisation of the Conference can be addressed to the same address.