



Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment

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Dear Colleague,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the informal meeting of Ministers responsible for Competitiveness (Internal Market and Industry) taking place in Dublin on 9-10 July 2026.

Ireland assumes the Presidency at a pivotal moment for EU competitiveness. We must all act urgently to enhance European competitiveness and productivity, and this plenary meeting will be an opportunity to exchange views on pertinent issues including finance for scaling, decarbonisation challenges and achieving a fully integrated Single Market.

Our events will start on the afternoon of Thursday July 9 with a visit to the Guinness Storehouse located at St. James Gate on the south quays of the river Liffey since the company began making its iconic beer in 1759; following this our drinks reception and gala dinner will be held in St Patrick's Hall in Dublin Castle.

The first discussion at our plenary meeting on Friday July 10 will focus on the persistent scale-up finance gap in Europe, driven by the limited size and depth of Venture Capital and Private Equity funds and the public instruments and regulatory reforms required to support investment.

Following a short refreshment break and the family photo our second discussion will be an opportunity to explore how Member States can enable industrial decarbonisation domestically while remaining competitive internationally.



Our meeting will conclude with a working lunch which will provide an opportunity for delegations to exchange views on our shared responsibility for stronger delivery on addressing the significant barriers that continue to hinder a well-functioning fully integrated Single Market.

Please find attached the Practical Information Note with details on accreditation, accommodation and other logistics. The agenda and discussion papers will be circulated in the coming weeks.

I look forward to welcoming you to Dublin very soon.

Yours sincerely

Peter Burke

Minister for Enterprise, Tourism and Employment