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The Industrial Gases sector is essential for a net zero and resilient European economy

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INTRODUCTION

The progression of a robust EU green agenda is inextricably intertwined with a **renewed focus on evolving business models and competitiveness of European industry, together with its ability to drive the transformative journey towards sustainability.**

The new “industrial phase” of the European Green Deal emerges as a cornerstone for developing strategic supply chains in Europe and bolstering decarbonisation efforts of existing industries. In this context, EIGA firmly believes that climate targets and competitiveness should go hand in hand. EIGA was therefore amongst the first signatories of the [Antwerp Declaration](#).

Our members provide **the gases that are essential to both the strategic autonomy of the EU** (the semiconductor industry, metallurgy, chemicals, etc.) **and to the protection of the environment** (water treatment, recycling, hydrogen as an energy carrier, etc.). This places our sector right at the core of the transition to climate neutrality.



In this endeavour, we consistently uphold three fundamental principles: **uncompromised safety, level-playing field and solid expertise**. These principles guide not only our industrial operations but also our approach to policy communication, with the goal of equipping policymakers with comprehensive and scientific insights, ultimately fostering informed decision-making.

Anchored to these principles, our strategic imperatives for the upcoming term are:

- **Ensuring the level-playing field** between outsourced and insourced production of industrial gases to the benefit of key European industries and the development of the hydrogen economy.
- **Defining clear rules** for the use of low-carbon hydrogen to foster a stable investment environment.
- **Providing an enabling regulatory framework** for CO₂ management (following also the industrial Carbon Management Strategy) which contributes to the deployment and uptake of low-carbon hydrogen.
- **In achieving sound European chemicals policy** to protect human health and the environment for future generations, it should be recognized that some chemicals can be operated in a safe manner and do not have alternatives. Overly stringent regulatory principles could hamper the production and supply of industrial and medical gases under the same safe conditions as today.
- **Supporting consistent application** on both the medical device and the medicinal product regulations.

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