

## Priorities - Transport, Energy & Climate

### Energy and climate: advocating for a cost-efficient transition to a low-carbon economy

#### ISSUE

Climate change is a global challenge that requires effort from all sectors. The industry is committed to attaining the climate objectives set by the EU, however it is imperative that these be met in a sustainable way that safeguards the EU's industrial competitiveness.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- **A technology neutral and cost-efficient transition** to a low-carbon economy, which takes into account the importance of a stable regulatory framework for investment stability;
- **Funding mechanisms** should be available at each project stage, and **selections criteria** should not be based on predefined technological options to avoid lock-in and lock-out effects;
- **Sector coupling** will be necessary to provide reliable and cost-effective energy to all industries: the energy system needs to be thought of in a holistic way; and
- The successful transition towards a low-carbon economy will hinge on a **well-equipped and highly-skilled labour force**.

### Transport: contributing to a connected and sustainable mobility

#### ISSUE

A stable policy framework will be critical for the deployment of cooperated, connected and automated mobility (CCAM) and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) in Europe. These innovations have the potential to increase the efficiency of road use and improve both the safety and the environmental performance of vehicles.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- **The right legal framework** for the success of new technologies. CCAM and ITS offer great potential for transport efficiency and safety and the market penetration of new systems requires **mutual investment** in physical and digital infrastructure;
- Allow the digital ecosystem to thrive – **prioritise privacy, security, competitiveness, trust and liability**;
- **Establish flexible and technology neutral** rules for data processing; and
- Policy-makers should be **cautious when developing rules** in the mobility sector due to the **complexity of scenarios** involving technical data.

### Infrastructure: Ensuring appropriate funding

#### ISSUE

The next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) needs to focus on infrastructure investments that create growth and jobs in Europe.

#### RECOMMENDATION

- **Provide connectivity** to key sectors which is crucial for their modernisation; and
- **Recognise the value of international cooperation and third-country participants** in the MFF 2021-2027 funds to enable the EU to act as a world leader in bringing together global talent and research skills.