

## **We enable Europe's twin transitions: Europacable political priorities for the new legislative term**

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**Cable technology will be the core of Europe's energy and telecommunication infrastructures. They will empower our electrified and digitalised future.**

**Europacable, the voice of Europe's leading wire and cable manufacturers**, is committed to enable Europe's twin transitions: cables are and will continue to be an ever more strategic infrastructure technology. They will ensure the energy security necessary to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 and support the digital resilience to deliver the 2030 connectivity targets. Today, Europe's cable manufacturers are global technology leaders delivering cables made in Europe for Europe. As echoed in Draghi's report, securing European cables makers' leadership requires fair market conditions, a regulatory framework fit to deliver. This will allow them to further invest and create long lasting jobs, vital for a sovereign and resilient Europe.

To deliver on these objectives, Europacable has identified four political priorities for the new mandate:

- 1. Securing European Industrial Competitiveness: "Cables made in Europe for Europe"**

Europe has all it needs to decarbonise and digitalise: the European cable industry has the technologies, the experience, the expertise, the people and the capacities to electrify and connect Europe.

  - ***The European cable industry's recent substantial investments show that European manufacturers are responding to the increasing cable demand to empower Europe's decarbonisation and digitalisation.***
- 2. Advancing Sustainability: "Cables towards Net-Zero"**

European cable manufacturers are actively pushing high sustainability performances in their production and in their products to reduce their carbon footprint. Doing so comes with significant investments in research and innovation.

  - ***To ensure future competitiveness of European cable production, sustainability needs to be valued and accounted for, including in tendering.***
- 3. Promoting Fair Competition: "Cables vital for a sovereign and resilient Europe"**

The unilateral openness of the European Market for the upcoming, significant power grid and telecoms network buildout makes it vulnerable to unfair and dumping practices.

  - ***Only by securing long-term, fair and level market conditions will Europe maintain its competitiveness, the investments needed in R&D as well as the manufacturing capacity to meet its future demand for cable technologies.***
- 4. Ensuring a futureproof regulatory framework: "A toolbox fit to deliver for cables"**

Consistent EU policy-making is needed, recognising the strategic role of cable technologies. Legislation needs to strengthen and not undermine the European cable manufacturing base while ensuring a timely, reliable and socially acceptable telecom and power grids buildout.

  - ***A policy toolbox reducing redundancies and enhancing project visibility, development and execution will facilitate timely investments and secure European supplies.***