



## DIGITALEUROPE's DIGITAL MANUFACTURING

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL 2019



On 20 February 2019, the Digital Manufacturing Executive Council (DMEC) signed and publicly released a **Declaration setting a clear path for the EU's global leadership in Digital Manufacturing**. The Declaration outlines the group's key goals, concrete actions and targets to measure success.

They presented their recommendations to both the European Commission and the European Parliament to become a high-level platform for policy makers to consult and discuss the future of the EU's digital manufacturing sector.

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## Digital Manufacturing Declaration

-  Develop **manufacturing-focused** EU policies
-  Create the infrastructure for **data flows** and **AI-enabled services**
-  Support **Digital Europe & Horizon Europe** programmes
-  **Reskill** and **upskill** the workforce
-  **Accelerate sustainability** through industrial technology
-  Develop a digital **ecosystem**



## Roberto Viola



European Commission  
Director-General, DG CONNECT

- ▶▶ The Commission maintains its spirit to help industry and sees eye-to-eye on key challenges
- ▶▶ Circular economy is a narrative and the next step is to manage and extend the lifecycle
- ▶▶ Product value chains are focused on data. We need to move towards an open data Europe
- ▶▶ Liability between the manufacturer and the user must be further explored
- ▶▶ Digital Europe programme funds will be arriving soon as the first work plan is being drafted
- ▶▶ An information session needs to be organised between the Commission and DMEC members to discuss what has changed in the last 12 months and the next steps in enabling the manufacturing sector

## Reinhard Bütikofer



Member of the European Parliament  
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- ▶▶ Governance is a key issue in EU industrial policy and digital manufacturing in particular
- ▶▶ Need to define our needs for free flow of data before they are dictated to us
- ▶▶ Need to attract commitments from political candidates before they take office
- ▶▶ Sustainability is an enabler for digital transformation
- ▶▶ Harbours new entrepreneurs is key to developing a digital ecosystem
- ▶▶ Europe needs an industrial policy aligned to market forces

## What are the next steps?



Convey the **Declaration's key messages** at a national level to political candidates and governments across Europe and increase the prioritisation of digital manufacturing issues



Provide **thought leadership** on future governance and policy for digital manufacturing



Develop new methodologies to **measure sustainable practices** in digital manufacturing enabled by industrial technology



Develop new methodologies to **measure the digital skills gap** by Member State