

OPENING SESSION

Entrepreneurial voices,
European choices

7th edition

4 November 2025

Is workforce training for the green and digital transitions a strategic priority within your company?

88% 

 12%

Is it harder to recruit staff with the right skills than five years ago?

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 12%

Should the European Commission appoint a dedicated EU SME Envoy?

91% 

 9%

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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Should the EU engage more with the candidate /potential candidate countries to integrate them gradually into the Single Market?

93% 

 7%

Is your business experiencing a negative effect from the US tariffs?

57% 

 43%

Is the EU doing enough to help your business navigate geopolitical risks through FTAs with third countries?

10% 

 90%

Does Europe need a more pragmatic approach to fostering partnerships with third countries?

99% 

 1%

Do you observe that geopolitical tensions since the start of the year have led to additional bottlenecks in supply chains?

93% 

 7%

SINGLE MARKET

Is the single market sufficiently integrated, allowing your company to operate and compete freely?

12% 

 88%

Should the EU and member states strengthen enforcement mechanisms against breaches of single market rules?

94% 

 6%

Do you support extending automatic recognition of professional qualifications across the EU to more professions?

90% 

 10%

Should the development of AI integration strategies be considered a priority for European businesses?

91% 

 9%

Is stronger EU action needed to protect consumers from unsafe or counterfeit products entering the single market?

91% 

 9%

SUSTAINABILITY

Are high energy costs making it harder for businesses to remain competitive and invest in the sustainable transition?

99% 

 1%

Has there been a noticeable reduction in administrative or regulatory burdens in the past 12 months?

2% 

 98%

Should the EU strengthen industrial competitiveness by boosting demand for European clean and low-carbon technologies?

77% 

 23%

Is sustainability reporting an effective tool for companies to strengthen competitiveness while advancing sustainability?

14% 

 86%

Should EU member states increase their national contributions to the long-term EU budget (MFF 2028-2034)?

34% 

 66%