

**Question for written answer E-006734/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Incentives for European industry

Reindustrialisation is essential to encourage growth and job creation, particularly if Europe wants to increase industry's share of GDP to 20% by 2020. To do this, a favourable environment needs to be created for small and medium-scale enterprises (SMEs), which requires proper funding and access to credit, lower energy costs and increased fiscal harmonisation.

There needs to be support for a strong, sustainable industrial base, in order to be able to compete on the world market. To achieve this, the EU needs to make its industrial policy objectives more ambitious. In light of this, the cuts in investment in European industry proposed in the budget are not a good sign.

1. What steps will the Commission take to improve funding for SMEs and their access to credit?
2. What measures does it intend to adopt to encourage a reduction in the energy costs faced by European industry?
3. What measures does it envisage to promote the export capacity of SMEs?