Working Group 3 of the Trade and Technology Council TTC) focuses on supply chain resilience and security of supply in key sectors and includes a dedicated track on semiconductors.

On 8 February 2022, the Commission proposed the ‘European Chips Act’\(^1\) to ensure the EU's security of supply, resilience and technological leadership in semiconductors. The Chips Act Communication\(^2\) recognises the need for balanced partnerships with like-minded countries, such as the United States, to ensure a reliable global marketplace for European products, and security of supply, including in crisis situations.

To that aim, the TTC Pittsburgh Statement\(^3\) included a commitment to build a partnership to enhance EU’s respective security of supply and capacity to design and produce semiconductors.

Additional concrete measures have been included in the TTC Statement of 16 May 2022\(^4\), including: a common understanding of semiconductor shortages; the promotion of private sector efforts to increase demand transparency in the value chain; a common early warning and monitoring mechanism of the value chain; a common goal to limit subsidies to what is necessary appropriate and proportionate and to exchange information on subsidies and avoid subsidy races, and a common goal to invest in public R&D and in the necessary workforce needs.

These joint actions will contribute to enhancing EU’s respective security of supply and reduce EU’s strategic dependencies, including from Asia.

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