

Press Release

Call for concrete actions to preserve Europe's manufacturing industry

Brussels, 10 October 2012: The aluminium industry welcomes the announcement by the European Commission of a fitness check for the aluminium sector and calls for concrete actions to preserve Europe's manufacturing base.

The Communication on the mid-term review of Europe's industrial policy released today by the Commission was long-awaited by the aluminium industry that is facing increasingly difficult economic conditions in Europe. *"We, at the European Aluminium Association, in particular welcome the European Commission's announced fitness check for the aluminium industry, as it will make EU authorities fully aware of the impact of EU legislations on its activity",* said Patrick de Schrynmakers, EAA Secretary General.

EAA also supports the emphasis put on the development of low-energy buildings and clean vehicles, including electric ones, and the call to improve collection and recycling rates. Thanks to its properties, aluminium is part of the solution for sustainable applications in all these sectors.

"We welcome the new Communication which contains first steps towards a real strategic policy to sustain Europe's industries. We are confident that the Commission with its new industrial policy is now acknowledging that there can be no innovative digital era or service economy without a stable industrial base. Metals and aluminium in particular are the backbone of our economy. EAA looks forward to constructively engage with the EU Commission on the fitness check exercise", said de Schrynmakers.

Notes to the editor

About the 2012 mid-term review of Europe's industrial policy

The **European Commission industrial policy flagship of 2010** laid out a strategy for sustainable growth, competitiveness and job creation in the context of Europe 2020. **The current Communication is a mid-term review** that aims to correct previous measures where necessary and adds a limited number of new initiatives capable of effectively delivering results to tackle the economic crisis.

EU Fitness Checks identify excessive administrative burdens, overlaps, gaps, inconsistencies and obsolete measures, as well as to investigate the cumulative impact of the existing legislation. This process relies on stakeholder consultation in

order to incorporate a wide range of opinions into the evaluation. The outcomes of EU Fitness Checks serve as a reference for future policy development and new or revised legislative proposals.

Please click [here](#) to read the EAA's response to the European Commission's public consultation on industrial policy which ended in August 2012.

About European Aluminium Association:

The European Aluminium Association, founded in 1981, represents the European aluminium industry from alumina and primary production to semi-finished and end-use products, through to recycling. The European aluminium industry directly employs about 255,000 people.

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