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# STATE OF THE UNION 2023

## Main initiatives

#SOTEU

It is the moment to show to the young generation that we can build a continent where you can be who you are, love who you want, and aim as high as you want. A continent reconciled with nature and leading the way on new technologies. A continent that is united in freedom and peace. This is Europe's moment to once again answer the call of history.



**Ursula von der Leyen,**  
President of the European Commission

## EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

- Organise a series of **Clean Transition Dialogues** with the industry to develop an approach for each industrial ecosystem, including agriculture
- Propose a **European Wind Power package** to help alleviate challenges of the EU's wind industry; fast-track permitting even more and improve the auction systems
- Launch **an anti-subsidy investigation** into electric vehicles coming from China
- Launch a strategic dialogue on the **future of agriculture** in the EU

# ECONOMY, SOCIAL AND COMPETITIVENESS

- Organise a new **Social Partner Summit**, to focus on challenges – from skills and labour shortages to changes stemming from artificial intelligence
- Appoint an EU **envoy for small and medium enterprises** who will report to the Commission President
- Put forward legislative proposals to **reduce reporting requirements** at the European level by 25 %, to make it easier to do business
- Solicit a **Report from Mario Draghi on the future of European competitiveness**, to set out how the EU can remain competitive while leading on clean transition



# DIGITAL AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Initiative to **open up our high-performance computers to European AI start-ups** to train their models
- **Support the creation of a global panel** gathering scientists, tech companies and experts, to identify opportunities and risks related to AI
- Work with business sector on **minimum global standards** for safe and ethical use of AI



# UKRAINE

- Propose to **extend the temporary protection** for Ukrainians in the EU
- Implement the proposal for a **Ukraine Facility**, worth **EUR 50 billion**, for investment and reforms in the next 4 years



# ENLARGEMENT

- Extend the **EU Rule of Law reports** to those accession countries that get up to speed faster
- Launch a series of **pre-enlargement policy reviews** to see how each EU policy may need to be adapted to a larger EU
- **Present ideas to the Leaders' discussion** to be held under the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU

# GLOBAL EUROPE, MIGRATION AND SECURITY

- Propose a **new strategic approach for Africa**, to develop mutually beneficial partnership on common issues for both continents
- Organise an **international conference on the fight against smuggling of migrants**

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