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The impact of COVID-19 on EU industry and strategic value chains



Dear Reader,

The impact of the pandemic on industry has been unprecedented. At the beginning of the crisis, disruptions occurred that challenged the very paradigm of globalisation. In an attempt to mitigate the shock and to help recovery, extraordinary measures were taken. After more

than one year, the time has come to assess the effects of the pandemic on our industrial sector and strategic value chains and the adequacy and consistency of our recovery plans.

The study "Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on EU industries" provides an answer to all these questions in the debate on reshoring EU production. It concludes that, despite the public health crisis testing their resilience, the EU will continue to rely on global value chains to remain internationally competitive, and recommends increasing their diversification.

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Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on EU industries

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies



The COVID-19 crisis has had a major impact on the EU-27 economy with some sectors, such as the cultural and creative and also aerospace industries, hit harder than others.

The study requested by ITRE committee looks at the impact of COVID-19 on the EU economy and how the impact is distributed across sectors. It analyses the resulting structural changes and the implications for strategic value chains. The authors' recommendations include national recovery plans tailored to industry's needs.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Cohesion Policy and Climate Change

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies



The climate change caused by global warming has massive and mostly negative effects on economies, societies and the environment. Climate action objectives were integrated into the 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy both at the design stage and during the implementation of programmes. This will also be the case in programming period 2021-2027, when roughly 25% of total Cohesion Policy will be spent for prevention and adaptation to the climate change.



Interpretation and implementation of Article 50 TEU

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs



The first application of Article 50 of the Treaty on the European Union leaves a number of institutional issues unanswered. This study looks into the constitutional and institutional challenges that the European Union faced during the Brexit negotiations. It analyses whether the current wording of Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union was applied in an adequate manner and allowed for an efficient and properly organised withdrawal procedure.



MEP's pension rights before and after the Members Statute

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs



This paper focuses on the pension rights of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) before and after the year 2009. The study presents detail on pension rights of Members of the European Parliament, looking at arrangements in the Member States prior to the entry into force of the Members' Statute in 2009 and EU-level pension arrangements. A comparative analysis of the different schemes is provided.



Post COVID-19 value chains: options for reshoring

Policy Department for External Relations



Shortages of medical products during the COVID-19 pandemic and shifts in the international order have made reshoring of production a topical issue in EU policy debates. This study, requested by the INTA committee, discusses economic and political reasons for reshoring. Analysing supply security, the debate on EU strategic autonomy, and the success of reshoring policies elsewhere, the authors suggest that reshoring should focus on critical sectors and products with supply bottlenecks.



FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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