

Members of the Committee on Transport and Tourism
(TRAN)
European Parliament
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Dear Member of the TRAN Committee,

The upcoming hearings of the Commissioners-designate provide an opportunity for Members of the European Parliament to put boosting the EU economy and its attractiveness for investment at the top of the political agenda. As the voice for more than 160 American companies committed to Europe on trade, investment and competitiveness issues, the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmCham EU) has a vital interest in ensuring that the EU's competitiveness ambitions are translated into actionable policies.

AmCham EU's internal committees and taskforces, composed of American company representatives invested in Europe and staunchly supportive of the Single Market, have identified several key questions for the European Parliament's upcoming confirmation hearings of the Commissioners-designate. The following questions are designed to guide the evaluation of Apostolos Tzitzikostas (Greece), for which the TRAN Committee is responsible and elicit concrete strategies to embed competitiveness in his portfolio:

Apostolos Tzitzikostas (Greece)

- **A low-emission transport system:** The transport industry needs significant investment to contribute to net-zero emissions by 2050. However, those necessary investments are currently unattainable given the overly stringent policy environment. How would you ensure the industry has the investment it needs to contribute?
- **EU industrial action plan for the automotive sector:** How would you channel investments into the latest generation of transport technologies so that the automotive industry remains competitive? How would you create predictability for investors and manufacturers of electric vehicles and support the development of necessary charging infrastructure?
- **International alignment:** Are you open to introducing a Book & Claim system for sustainable aviation fuel, as envisaged under the ReFuelEU Regulation? Would you seek international alignment on CO₂ accounting in the aviation sector, and if so, how?
- **Electric vehicles and related infrastructure:** Which concrete proposals would you put forward to further support the uptake of electric vehicles in the EU, especially to expand recharging infrastructure on EU roads?

We hope these questions will contribute to a robust and constructive dialogue during the hearings. AmCham EU remains at your disposal for any further information.



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