THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL



Specifics on industry

- The European Green Deal's headline target of "Zero Pollution ambition for a toxic free environment" and the promise of a "Zero pollution action plan for air, water, and soil" go exactly in the direction of the EEB's Roadmap submission on the IED Evaluation. The text explicitly states that EU measures to address pollution from large industrial installations will be reviewed (the IED, implicitly), with a specific aim to look at their scope and how to make them 'fully consistent" with climate, energy and circular economy policies.
- Accidents prevention will also be a focus, meaning that specific actions on substitution of chemicals of concern will be better integrated into the industrial activities framework.
- The Carbon border adjustment tax is a welcomed start; however, it should be extended to an "environmental footprint border taxation" in order to take into account other issues (e.g. resource consumption, or other air pollutants arising from production sites with less ambitious pollution standards than the EU).
- Achieving "clean steel" production by 2030 needs to be further defined in order to also capture other critical air pollutants.
- Christian Schaible concluded: "It is vital to get the EU industry to become 'climate and resource frontrunners', but what we really need is 'Zero pollution champions".

