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**UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION**  
**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (NOVEMBER 2016)**  
**CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE EU**

'It is our great honour and sincere pleasure to congratulate the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation with its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. With its focus on inclusive and sustainable industrial development (SDG 9), UNIDO is helping countries to generate growth and decent work (SDG 8) which are essential building blocks to contribute to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda objectives of eradicating poverty (SDG 1) and reducing inequalities (SDG's 5 and 10).

We believe that the organisation is fit for purpose to deliver concrete results which help build circular economies that bring prosperity and sustainability for all. In the last ten years the cooperation between the European Union and UNIDO has demonstrated, through tangible achievements in more than 100 countries, that generating growth and jobs while moving towards circular economies, is possible. Beyond traditional technical assistance our cooperation has also helped to establish bridges between enterprises and centres of excellence from Europe and partner countries.

The implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will require more international cooperation than ever for experience sharing, capacity building and progress monitoring. It provides a clear and ambitious roadmap for the European Union and UNIDO to scale-up and accelerate their joint efforts towards building prosperity and sustainability for all.' In this respect we consider the Partnership Country Programme approach as an innovative way to ensure that sustainable and inclusive industrialisation policies for specific countries receive broad domestic and international support and can thus create concrete and durable results that help achieve development objectives defined by the host country as well as the sustainable development goals of the 2030

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