

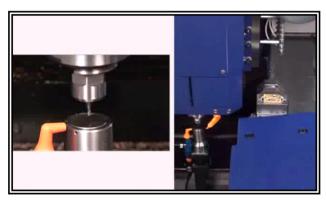
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Machine tool industry is a key enabling sector



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- •Machine tools are **mother machines** which enable the production of all other machines.
- •Machine tools underpin productivity and competitiveness of all other manufacturing industries.
- •Machine tool industry is **knowledge-intensive**.





Market surveillance, innovation and the machine tool industry

- Innovation usually occurs in countries or regions with high level of economic development and high production standards.
- Technology, human resources, institutions, manufacturing capacity and a <u>market</u> which allows trading of high cost products are crucial elements of an **innovation-friendly environment**.
- Internal market regulations are designed to ensure a marketplace where products below certain standards cannot be placed on the market and traded.
- Ineffective market surveillance leads to an uneven playing field in which low cost products are rewarded and race-to-the-bottom is encouraged.

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- Ineffective enforcement of EU regulations transfer European industry's innovation capacity to non-European suppliers.
- Amid fierce competition and an uneven global playing field, some non-European competitors are climbing the value chain with the help of unfair practices.
- We cannot afford to lose our **engineering expertise** and **innovation capacity** to competitors. We need to maintain knowledge-intensive manufacturing industries in Europe to build a competitive **knowledge-based economy**.
- Internal market rules need to be adapted to the new global business environment. We have to start from market surveillance!



thank you

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