

European Industrial Summit 2026: EuLA supports industry calls for urgent action to restore competitiveness and enable decarbonisation

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The European Lime Association (EuLA) supports the call made today by European industry leaders for urgent and decisive action to restore the competitiveness of Europe's industrial base. As highlighted at the European Industry Summit and in the joint letter addressed to Members of the European Council, Europe faces a critical moment for its industry, investment and jobs.

The lime industry is a foundational part of Europe's industrial value chains, supplying essential inputs to steel, construction, and environmental protection. Lime plays a crucial role in water and air purification, construction materials, low-carbon steelmaking and carbon capture applications. At the same time, the sector is among the most energy- and carbon-intensive industries, with unavoidable process emissions and limited short-term technological alternatives.

Persistently high energy prices and rising carbon costs are placing severe pressure on the competitiveness of the lime industry. While the sector is fully committed to decarbonisation and is actively investing in low-carbon technologies, these investments are capital-intensive, long-term and exposed to global competition. The sector is at risk without the right conditions. To deliver a competitive and climate-neutral European industry, EuLA stresses the need for immediate action in three key areas:

- Lower energy and carbon costs, to restore the conditions for industrial investment and prevent further de-industrialisation.
- Credible solutions for unavoidable process emissions in hard-to-abate industries, including support for carbon capture, utilization and storage as well as the enabling infrastructure. These solutions are indispensable for process industries where emissions cannot be eliminated through fuel switching alone.
- [Proper recognition of lime recarbonation](#) in carbon accounting frameworks reflecting the full decarbonisation potential of lime across its lifecycle. During use, lime-based products reabsorb CO₂ from the atmosphere through a carbonation process, partially offsetting the emissions released during production.

As the European Commission moves to deliver the Clean Industrial Deal and related initiatives, it is essential that hard to abate sectors like lime are fully integrated into Europe's industrial strategy.

The European Lime Association stands ready to work with EU institutions and Member States to translate ambition into action and ensure that Europe remains a place where energy-intensive industries can invest, decarbonise and create high-quality jobs.