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**EFFRA Advocates for Ambitious
Funding in FP10 to Boost European Manufacturing Sustainability**

Brussels, July 4, 2024 — Following the launch of the petition [Strong Europe Through Manufacturing Research](#), the European Factories of the Future Research Association (EFFRA) has joined more than 100 European associations in urging the EU Institutions to significantly increase the budget for the upcoming Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (FP10). The joint statement and petition emphasise the critical role of collaborative research, development, and innovation (RD&I) in securing Europe's industrial future.

"North American and Asian competitors are advancing quickly. To stay ahead, Europe must significantly increase funding for R&D and innovation, ensuring that both R&D as well as production remain 'Made in Europe'. Through efficient cooperation between stakeholders and governments, we can reclaim our global leadership in technology and manufacturing."

- Olaf Pannenbäcker, EFFRA Chairman

EFFRA's Strategic Role in FP10

1. **Promoting Collaborative Research:** EFFRA emphasises the importance of a strong Partnership for advancing manufacturing technologies and ensuring efficient market adoption, enhancing European competitiveness globally.
2. **Focusing on Industrial Competitiveness:** EFFRA supports prioritising European Industrial Competitiveness and Sustainability in FP10, aligning with its mission to drive technological innovation and address industrial needs.
3. **Leveraging Expertise:** EFFRA's extensive network of industry leaders, research organisations, and academic institutions pools resources to tackle complex technological challenges.
4. **Stimulating Private Investment:** EFFRA aims to reduce risk and uncertainty to attract private investments in RD&I, supporting the EU's green and digital transitions.



Commitment to Technological Leadership

EFFRA is committed to collaborating with EU Institutions to design and implement FP10, ensuring Europe maintains its global innovation leadership. By investing in advanced manufacturing technologies, EFFRA seeks to foster a prosperous and sustainable future for European industry and society.

In this line, EFFRA has recently launched a petition urging policymakers to prioritise and double funding for manufacturing research in the upcoming Framework Programme.

The petition was well received by the public and several hundred signatories have joined the plea to policymakers.

Sign the petition to support a robust European manufacturing future at strongeuropethroughmanufacturingresearch.org.

For more information, visit www.effra.eu.