Draft Minutes - Participation to BDI breakfast (virtual)

GROW: Kerstin Jorna, // BDI (See list of participants)

(BDI Executive Board) welcomes guests and introduces the session.

Ms Jorna presented the historical evolution of the EU’s Single Market (SM), presented key figures, as well as set the outlook and the role of the Single Market in the implementation of the Industrial Strategy and related support measures. Particularly important in terms of next steps (twin transition) is the exchange with industry on the initiatives defined in the pathways/EU Industry Forum, e.g. the challenges and the ideas how to overcome barriers. The ecosystem approach has been very important to address challenges in the supply chain (e.g. scaling up of industrial production of vaccines).

Q&A with participants

Chemicals sector: pathway approach good yet need to align with Chemicals Strategy (need to make sure that value added is considered). Mentions also the importance of keeping Better Regulation in mind (avoid too much secondary legislation via DAs and IAs, e.g. Taxonomy or Farm to Fork). On more specific issues, essential use is mentioned.

On essential use, KJ noted and explained about the need for correct analyses in regards to what exits in terms of possible substitutes (the relevant transition pathway, where ECHA will be part, is the right forum for discussion and exchange).