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to the Commission**
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Subject: Potential threats to EU competitiveness owing to eco-bureaucracy and climate policy unilateralism following the election of Donald Trump

Former ECB President Mario Draghi recently published a report on Europe's sustainable competitiveness. The report drew comparisons between the EU and the US. The conclusion of the comparison with the US is that overregulation is harming the EU's competitiveness. The Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive is seen as one of the main causes of the enormous regulatory burden and also entails huge costs. The EU Taxonomy Regulation is cited as an example of confusing bureaucracy¹.

Various business associations consider the EU Supply Chain Directive to be a threat to the international competitiveness of EU companies.

Following the election of Donald Trump, the European Union is even more isolated internationally with its climate policy. Efforts to oblige US companies to produce sustainability reports had already stalled under Joe Biden. Several US states adopted laws to abolish mandatory ESG bureaucracy².

1. In light of the Draghi report, do the Sustainability Reporting Directive, the EU Taxonomy Regulation and the EU Supply Chain Directive pose a threat to the EU's competitiveness?
2. How does the Commission see its chances of success in establishing international standards with a unilateral climate policy?
3. Following the election of Donald Trump and taking into account the Draghi report, does the Commission intend to reduce climate regulation in order to save European industry and jobs?

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¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/ec1409c1-d4b4-4882-8bdd-3519f86bbb92_en?filename=The%20future%20of%20European%20competitiveness_%20In-depth%20analysis%20and%20recommendations_0.pdf (p. 318 et seq.)

² <https://www.corporatecomplianceinsights.com/trump-2024-election-compliance-ethics/>