

Prep Module; Committee on Industry Research and Energy (ITRE)

The question of innovation, industrial automation, and digitization:

Dear Delegates of the Model European Parliament,

The chairing team of the committee on Industry Research and Energy (ITRE) welcomes you to what probably is your first ever MEP session. Only a few weeks from now, you will get together with other delegates from all over Austria, to discuss the most important problems that concern the European Union.

In times of increasing technological developments, the necessity of innovation has become an essential component of industrialized economic systems to increase international competitiveness and foster economic growth. Innovation offers numerous advantages to society; simultaneously, digitization and automation offer opportunities but also pose a threat to the economy. Which measures can be taken by the European Union to expand its role in the global market of innovation and technological breakthrough? How can this strive for innovation meet the changing demands on the labour market?

Experts all over the world are already searching for the most effective answers to these questions. If the European Union wants to maintain their competitiveness, we must act now. We need to get ahead not fall behind.

But in order to answer these questions cogently and competently you need to be well prepared. To simplify this process, we have prepared a fact sheet together with some important links for you. Additionally, you can of course research on your own as well. However, try to use objective and credible sources.

To make sure that you have all understood the topic sufficiently we would like you to write a short (1-2 pages) summary of our topic, covering both problems and possible solutions. We expect you to present this in our first committee meeting.

If you have any questions, we are always there to help.

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