



### **Safeguarding the European steel value chains from global overcapacity**

The signatories of this statement highlight their support for an effective trade measure that replaces the current steel safeguard as soon as possible, ensuring the survival and sustainable development of the European steel industry and its value chains against the impact of global overcapacity.

The European steel industry is the foundation of strategic ecosystems that are based on strong cooperation among several sectors, such as ceramics, ferro-alloys, galvanizers, graphite electrodes and recarburisers, hydrogen, industrial gases, lime, mining, packaging, refractories, steel tubes as well as the power sector which relies on high-quality steel for a cost-efficient energy transition. The steel-intensive value chains, including thousands of small and medium sized companies, enable value creation and provide millions of high-quality jobs across the EU, in industrial clusters and also in remote areas.

During the last years, we are experiencing the unprecedented, existential threat caused by the spillover effects of excess capacities. According to the OECD, global excess capacities in steel have surpassed 600 million tonnes in 2024 and are forecasted to increase to 720 million tonnes by 2027, i.e. over five times the EU's steel demand and production.

Our industries and workers have already suffered a major impact from this situation, with plant closures and thousands of jobs cuts, a process that is further accelerating. This trend must be stopped as soon as possible with a new, effective trade measure that reestablishes fair trade conditions and relaunches the viability of our industries.

We urge the European Commission to take swift action on the above issues and remain engaged to deliver a sustainable future to the European steel industry.