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### EU GROWTH STRATEGY

President Barroso has today presented the European Commission's paper "*EU 2020 strategy: A European Strategy for smart, green and inclusive growth*".

BUSINESSEUROPE sees the Commission document as a useful basis for developing a strategy to strengthen Europe and make it a greater a player in the world. However, it believes that the sense of urgency and focus should be reinforced.

BUSINESSEUROPE's Executive Committee, meeting on 4 March, will debate the European Commission's proposals and present recommendations on what needs to be changed in order to turn the Commission communication into a real road map for action.

Philippe de Buck, Director General of BUSINESSEUROPE said: "*This document is the beginning of a process to commit all EU institutions to remove obstacles to growth. A process in which business will play an active role. I can say already that in the extraordinary circumstances Europe faces today, a growth strategy is the answer if we want to achieve a sound European Union, with strong companies and jobs for many people*".

"*Go for Growth*" is the most recent publication by BUSINESSEUROPE. It can be downloaded and/or ordered on [www.businessseurope.eu](http://www.businessseurope.eu).

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