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Publications



[P. Dermine, M. Patrin: Legal Foundations for a New EU Industrial Policy \(LUHNIP Working Paper Series 3/2024\)](#)

The legal framework of industrial policy under the EU Treaties is disunited. The EU's competence in the industrial field is of a mere supportive, complementary nature and several primary law principles fundamentally inhibit the pursuit of activist industrial policies in Europe. However, this weak competence is supplemented by a number of resources and legal bases which formally belong to distinct, neighbouring policy fields (such as state aid and competition policy, the EU budget, cohesion policy or economic governance), but can be mobilized to support supranational initiatives and bring about an autonomous EU industrial policy. In our view, this fragmented legal framework creates issues of consistency and coordination, which undermine the overall efficiency and legitimacy of EU industrial policy.

[I. Papadakis, M. Savona – The Uneven Geography of Digital Infrastructure: Does It Matter? \(Policy Brief 14/2024\)](#)

With data becoming an essential production input, we look at the location of data and cloud centres (DCCs) and explore drivers and potential implications of the uneven geography of this increasingly strategic digital infrastructure. We show that DCCs are located in a few, top digital services exporter countries, whereas their highest intensity is in small countries specialised in financial services exports. We argue that the uneven location of DCCs can lead to a "digital global core-periphery" structure. We conjecture a "Data Haven Hypothesis", where DCCs are especially present in tax havens, or in countries where top digital exporters can offshore energy-intensive digital infrastructures. We conclude by suggesting a research agenda on DCCs.

[R. Urbani, J. Rech Graciano dos Santos, L. Cisotta, E. Scognamiglio, G. Tarantino – Advancing global reach: the role of international hubs in enhancing firm internationalization and innovation \(Policy Brief 13/2024\)](#)

This study provides a comprehensive examination of how firms integrate through international hubs, with a particular focus on the Dubai Hub for Made in Italy experience. This initiative, managed by Italiacamp, is designed to assist Italian companies in entering new markets and exploring new business opportunities. This policy brief compares Dubai's model with other international hubs to identify patterns, best practices, and key factors influencing firm success in these settings. By examining Dubai as a practical case with interviews, it explores the drivers behind the adoption or avoidance of international hubs, providing valuable insights into how these hubs can be leveraged to boost global competitiveness and foster economic development.

[L. Schmitz, T. Seidl, T. Wuttke – The Costs of Conditionality: Lessons from IPCEIs \(LUHNIP Policy Brief 2/2024\)](#)

In recent years, the European Union has embraced a more active industrial policy to boost its global competitiveness and strategic autonomy. The poster child of this shift are the Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEIs), which allow member states to subsidize projects in key sectors like microelectronics, batteries, or hydrogen. Since the first microelectronics IPCEI kicked off in 2018, a total of 10 IPCEIs worth a combined €37.2 in state aid and an expected €66bn in private investment have been approved by the European Commission, with more to come.

[LUHNIP Monthly Brief on EU Industrial Policy – September 2024](#)

[Monthly Brief on the Italian Political Economy – September 2024](#)

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- [INDUSTRIAL POLICY FOR COMPETITIVENESS AND RESILIENCE – VALENTINA MELICIANI WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CLOSING EVENT OF THE 2024 CYCLE OF THE DG GROW FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME – 13 NOVEMBER 2024](#)
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