



Improving Trust with engagement

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DIGITAL SME

The largest network of ICT small & medium enterprises in Europe

45000

SMEs in the ICT Sector

150

projects proposals that DIGITAL SME has been involved in

30

national & regional associations from EU member states & neighbouring countries

10

active working groups

450

experts in our working groups



DIGITAL SME President Dr. Oliver Grün hands over the Manifesto for Europe's Digital Future to VP of the EU Commission Vestager



OUR NETWORK

































European DIGITAL SME Alliance



This includes financial support such as allowances and travel expenses.



MICROCHIPS The Process

- Raw Material Processing
- > Research and Development (R&D)
- > Blank Wafer Production
- Wafer Processing
- > Wafer Cutting

European Digital SMEs

are present all along

this process in multiple

stages of the value

chain

MICROCHIPS Some challenges

1 Supply chain resilience

2 Security by design

3 Interoperability

CHIPS STANDARDIZATION An input by EU SMEs

- EU strategy to increase the presence on the supply chain, including onshoring more stages
- 2 Cybersecurity challenges must be closely verified

3 Standards reinforce openness and replicability

CHIPS STANDARDIZATION So what

Geopolitics

Critical

infrastructures

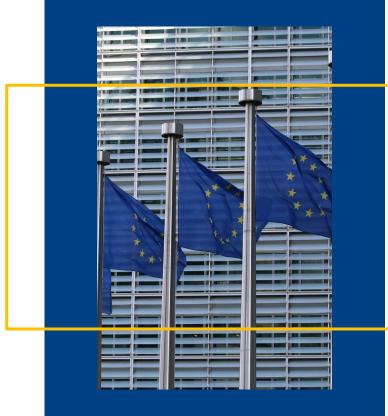
Technology chokepoints

CHIPS STANDARDIZATION Recommendations

Keep technical standards protected from geopolitics influences
 HOW?
 EU must increase participation on SDO/ SSO

Limited European technical expertise participation must be expanded HOW?

Increasing European SMEs participation (directly or through trade associations)



THANK YOU



The voice of ICT SMEs in Europe