

# Manifesto for Industrial Competitiveness Spain needs industry, and industry needs energy

#### 1. Industrial Development

As the COVID-19 pandemic demonstrated, the industrial sector is fundamental for maintaining employment, territorial and social cohesion, and, in essence, the full development of our country, Spain.

## 2. Efficient Energy Management

Industrial development relies on various elements, including efficient energy management, which allows the industrial sector to meet its electricity and heat needs with an eye toward maintaining and increasing its competitiveness.

## 3. Technologies and Solutions

To ensure efficient energy management, the current energy transition process calls for evaluating all technologies and circular economy solutions that contribute to achieving the European Climate Law's target to reach the European Union's climate neutrality by 2050.

#### 4. Research and Development

As stated in the declaration of Social Agents that urges the development of a State Pact for Industry in 2016, we deem it vital to "restructure our industry, prioritizing research, development, and innovation in sustainable technologies; promoting Spanish energy independence through the development of renewable energies, cogeneration, and domestic resources".

## 5. Cross-Cutting Approach

In line with SDG 17, which addresses the need for partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, we regard industrial development as a crosscutting issue that should encompass all social, business, and political actors: from industrial companies, regardless of their sector, to local authorities and the multiple ministries involved.