



## **Mariví Monteserín Rodríguez**

Mayoress of the city of Avilés

is pleased to invite you to

### **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of European Cities Standing for Sustainable Industry**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

Hosted by the City of Avilés – Spain

There is a broad agreement that cities must play a key role in achieving the goal of a smarter, greener, better connected, more inclusive and closer to the citizen Union. European industrial cities, which are facing the same challenges and opportunities, must take a stand on the new period 2021-2027 from now on. European industry is leading in innovation and sustainability and Europe must support a level playing field for our industry.

By organising this event, Avilés aims to promote a meeting point to discuss the position of cities within the New Industrial Strategy for Europe, presented by the European Commission in 2020 and updated last year to adapt it to the circumstances arising from Covid-19. But we want to go further. Hopefully this is only the starting point of an initiative that will consolidate itself as the European forum of reference for industrial cities in the search for synergies and mutual learning opportunities.

# AGENDA

All times are in Central European Standard Time (UTC/GMT +1).

Wednesday, 2 March 2022	
10:00	<b>Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of European Cities Standing for Sustainable Industry</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>City of Avilés</b> – Mariví Monteserín Rodríguez (Mayor)</li><li>• <b>Principado de Asturias</b> – Enrique Fernández Rodríguez (Regional Minister for Industry, Employment and Economic Promotion)</li></ul>
10:15	<b>Panel 1: Industry as an accelerator and enabler of change, innovation and growth: A new industrial strategy for Europe.</b> Interventions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>European Commission</b> – To be confirmed.</li><li>• <b>European Parliament</b> - Jonás Fernández and Susana Solís (Members of the EP).</li><li>• <b>European Committee of the Regions</b> – Jeannette Baljeu, Rapporteur of the CoR opinion on the Commission Communication Updating the 2020 New Industrial Strategy.</li><li>• <b>Eurotowns Network</b> - Julian Schahl (Secretariat).</li><li>• <b>ArcelorMittal</b> – Nicolás de Abajo (Global R&amp;D Worldwide Centres Leader).</li></ul>
11:15	<b>Panel 2: The role of cities in the transition to a green, digital and globally competitive Europe.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each participant city will have a 5-minute speech</li></ul>
12:30	<b>Endorsement of the Manifesto of Cities for Sustainable Industry</b>

Cities interested in participating, please contact  
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