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# **THINGS TO KNOW**

Over the next few years, production in global markets is expected to grow strongly, whilst EU production is predicted to remain relatively flat. Maintaining the EU's global competitiveness will depend on ensuring high levels of investment in new and emerging areas. This will be particularly important in the area of product standardisation, supported by global technical harmonisation developed through regulatory dialogue with the EU's main trading partners, in order to guarantee a stable access to (key) raw materials.

Continued support to guarantee the investment in R&D will facilitate the development of the new expertise required to meet evolving customer requirements.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- "GLOBAL REGULATORY DIALOGUE" is ranked first, followed by "ACCESS TO RAW MATERIALS", and "GLOBAL TECHNICAL HARMONISATION".



- Responses of Institutes ranked first "GLOBAL TECHNICAL HARMONISATION" showing a need of uniformities between the EU.
- A relative urgency of the Drivers of Change included in the group is indicated by all respondents and the most relevant time period is "by 2025".





### **GLOBALISATION AND RISE OF NEW PLAYERS: Importance - Overall sample**







## **GLOBALISATION AND RISE OF NEW PLAYERS: Urgency - Overall sample**





