



What is the rationale of an IPCEI?

Ambitious EU goals on advanced technologies call for ambitious private projects



The EU and its Member States share ambitious policy goals aiming at the green and digital transitions and in strengthening the EU's competitiveness and its open strategic autonomy.

Achieving those goals requires important investments in breakthrough innovation and important infrastructure and creating European value chains.

Funding ambitious projects can be challenging



The high financial and/or technological risks of such innovative and front-running projects can sometimes be too big for one company or Member State alone, leading to reluctance among investors and financiers.

Besides, European value chains require cross-border collaboration between companies and Member States.

Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI) can offer a solution



Based on State aid rules, the European Commission can approve that Member States give State aid to support an Important Project of Common European Interest (IPCEI).

An IPCEI consists of integrated large-scale cross-border projects from at least 4 Member States that entail a high level of technological or financial risks and benefit the entire EU.