International Cooperation / Global Markets and EU Competitiveness: how to ensure win-win partnership through standards?

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Key Discussion Points

- **Global competitiveness -** The case of the Semiconductor Industry
- **Competitiveness Scenarios** Key Parameters
- Relevance of Standards for competitiveness R&D, Innovation and IPR policy challenges



Purpose of the 2005 S/C Competitiveness Report

Key findings of the EECA ESIA

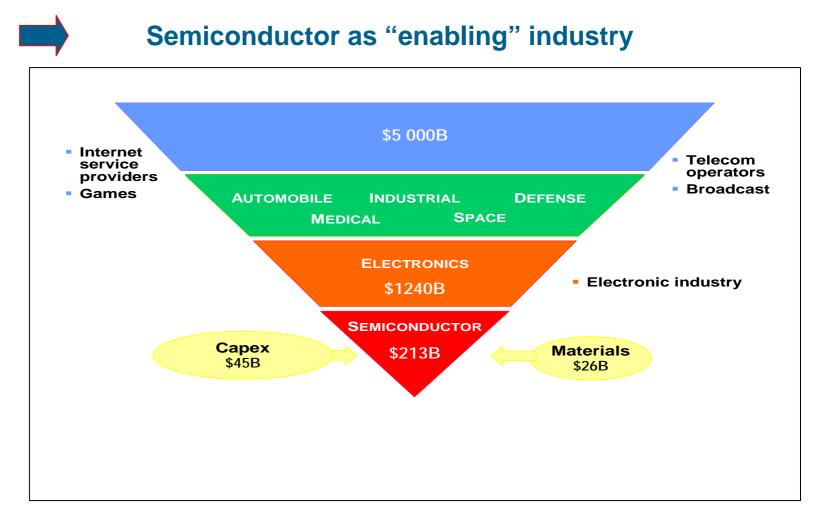
The European Semiconductor Industry: 2005 Competitiveness Report

- Create awareness that the European semiconductor industry stands at a crossroads
- Analysis of the competitiveness of the semiconductor industry in Europe and comparison with other regions
- Move the competitiveness debate to where it is being played
- Recommendations to the European Commission and Member States how the competitiveness of Europe's semiconductor industry can be maintained and enhanced as part of the Lisbon agenda

Call for action



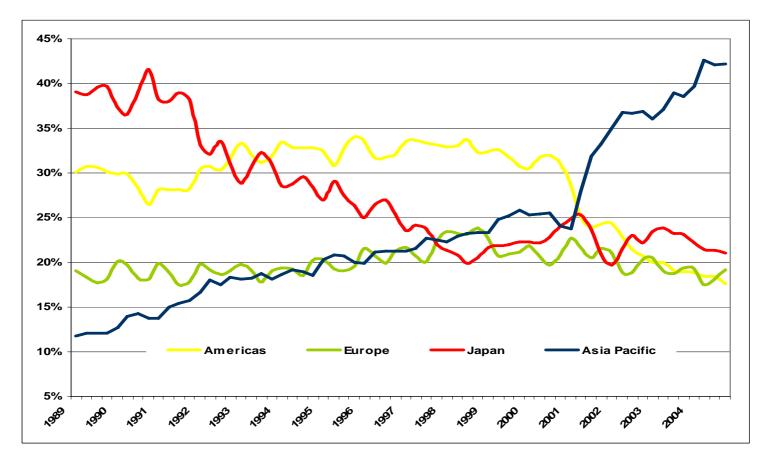
ICT value chain and the economic impact of the semiconductor industry on other key downstream sectors in 2004





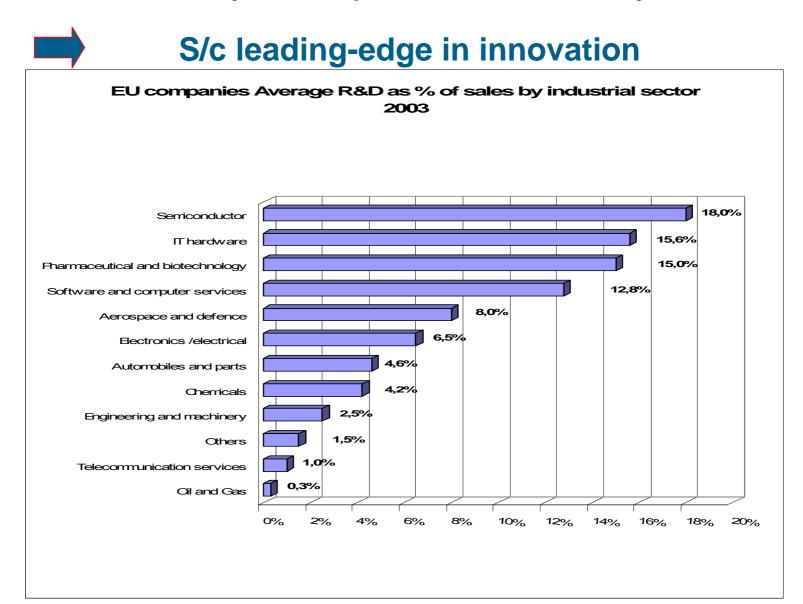
Evolution of the S/C Market 1988-2004 by Region

Rise of Asia-Pacific, Europe "stable"





Semiconductor industry in Europe – Research intensity & innovation





But...are we competing on a global level playing field?



The net cumulative income of a leading edge model fab in 2010 *(Mio. Euro)* over a period of 5 years in China, Korea and Malaysia is around 2.2 times higher than for the same fab in Germany

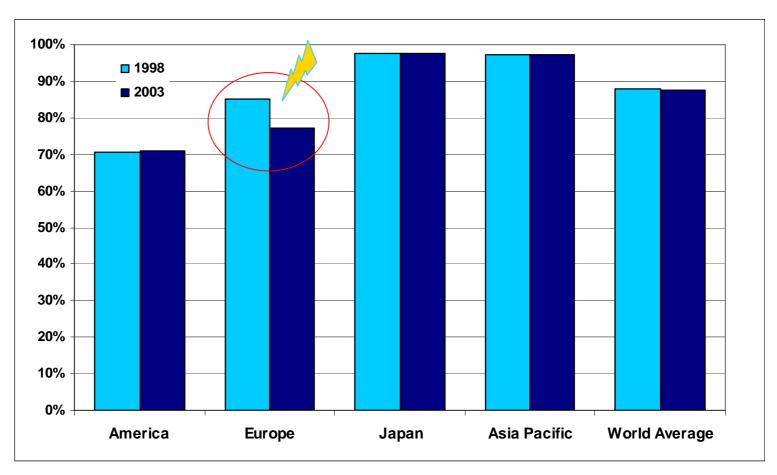
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Share of wafer processing capacity in semiconductor manufacturers' home regions by number of wafers (1998, 2003)



Only Europe is decreasing





Key Data for Semiconductors in Europe 2004

- Market size:
- Volume produced in Europe:

18% (of world market)

12% (of world wide wafer production)

- Europe is a net importer of semiconductors
- Investment for waferfabs in Europe:

10% (of worldwide capital expenditure)

Will we still have s/c manufacturing in Europe in 10 years?



Alternative scenarios based on an assessment of selected competitiveness factors



EECA ESIA

Alternative global competitiveness scenarios

The competitiveness factors indicate possible directions for targeted measures or policies that would help enhance the competitiveness of the European semiconductor industry in the future.

- Laissez-faire: The situation is left to the industry players themselves and no additional efforts are undertaken at the EU or national governmental levels to incentivise innovation and restore a level playing field.
- Restoring EU competitiveness: Both the semiconductor industry and the EU and Member States embrace the competitive investment challenge and seek to initiate a virtuous circle throughout the semiconductor and the global end-user industry.





Relevance of Standards for competitiveness

The Europe-based ICT industry, with S/c as an enabler in particular,

- can leverage its advantage in most advanced process technologies to raise awareness regarding state-of-the-art standard requirements and favour the creation of de facto standards for the Nanoelectronics industry.
- has the potential to set an example for a balanced standardization process evolving between *interoperability* R&D requirements and *open* standards and that is able to support a more even global level playing field.
- should support proactive positions relative to emerging standards as demonstrated by semiconductor systems solutions and applications in European end-user industries (e.g. quality, reliability and environment specifications).
- should assert the fact that standardization is a tangible and accepted criteria in the drafting of strategic IP creation and collaborative R&D project agendas.
- should ensure that standardization remains a critical and strategic success factor for the long term competitiveness of Europe-based global leading industries (security, health regulations, car safety, communication protocols etc. in automotive, communications, industrial).



Thank You!





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10 measures for maintaining and enhancing the competitiveness of the European semiconductor industry

Investing for Europe							
 Unleash Europe's R&D capabilities: Europe must spend 3% or more of European GDP for R&D 							
 Open up the educational system in Europe to work for industry 							
 Enable more and stronger multiple partnerships 							
Providing a Global Level Playing Field							
 Create a Sectoral Framework for the semiconductor industry 	4						
 Continue actively to promote global free and fair trade for semiconductor products 	5						
 Ensure a European legislative environment compatible with the imperatives of competitiveness 							
 Develop a more differentiated Environment, Safety and Health (ESH) legislative process 	7						
 Consistent and effective harmonised customs & security procedures 	8						
 Allow for more flexible labour conditions 							
 Rationalize and simplify procedures for effective IP protection in Europe 							

