# The Politics of the EU's New Market Activism

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# The Great Rethinking: Crises & the EU's Return to Industrial Policy

Fall out from the Global Financial Crisis

2015

**Green & Digital Transitions** 

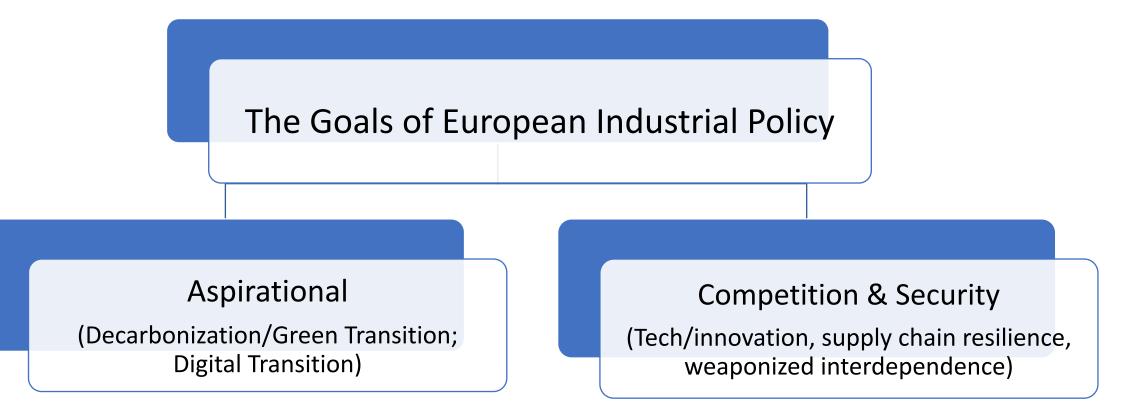
China's Rise & US Inward Shift

2020

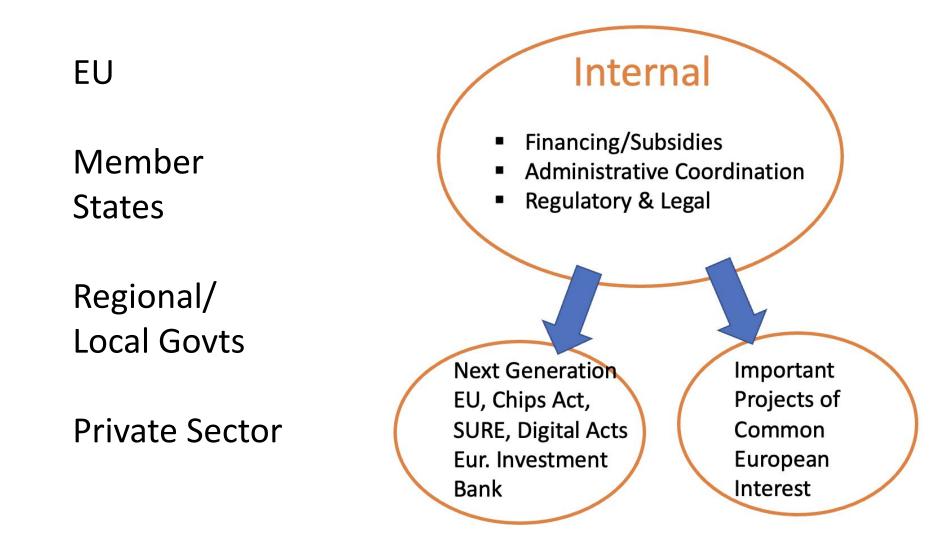
The Pandemic & Ukraine

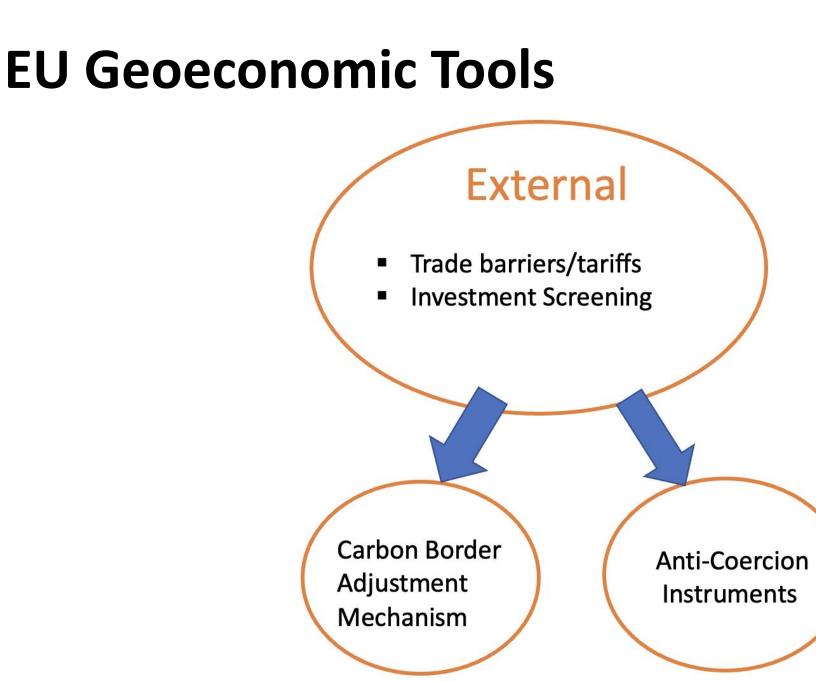
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#### EU's New Market Activism: Goals



# **EU Industrial Policy Tools**





#### Industrial Policy/Economic Statecraft =

"The use of public powers to actively shape domestic and global markets for the interests and values of a bounded political community"

McNamara, "Transforming Europe: The EU's Industrial Policy & Geopolitical Turn" JEPP 2023

# The EU purpose-built for Neoliberalism, today's political logics very different

- •Modern EU built for neoliberal market-making
- •Market activism as visibly distributional
- Regulatory powers not enough, fiscal and coercive capacity needed

### **EU Market Activism:**

- 1) Reshaping Political Coalitions
- 2) EU Instutitions & Powers in play
- 3) Democratic Legitimation?
- 4) Geopolitics & a European military-industrial complex?



# Understanding the Underlying Political Logics of Market Activism in the EU

#### US-EU climate conflicts?

