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CONNECTING EUROPEAN CHAMBERS: Enhancing Chambers' performance in times of change

*European Parliament, 29th and 30th June 2017
Room A3G3*

While the 2014-2020 programming period enters into its mid-term review phase, European Chambers continue to show a high interest in EU funding opportunities.

In a time when the competition seems even harder, the recipe for being successful demands the usual ingredients: an original idea matching the priorities of the call, the quality of the partners, the experience of the management, an inside knowledge and an excellent interaction with the European environment.

Chambers of Commerce play an important role in this respect, well acknowledged by the European institutions that increasingly reward their innovative proposals.

It is now time for their competences to be developed in an innovative way, constantly looking for creating more value to properly reflect the dynamic essence of their network.

The third edition of "Connecting European Chambers" aims to illustrate a number of winning or potentially winning experiences at European level, to discuss case studies with the competent services of the European Commission and to boost the exchange of experiences among participants.

Thanks to the cooperation with EUROCHAMBRES, for the first time the event will be opened to the participation of all European national, regional and local Chambers.

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12:00

13:00

Welcome speech

ACCESS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND REGISTRATION

SERGIO GUTIERREZ PRIETO, Member of European Parliament

FIRST SESSION

CHALLENGES IN TRANSFORMATION

Facilitator: Hector Benitez, Chamber of Commerce of Spain

13:15

New frontiers for CCI services

DIRK VANTYGHEM, Director of Operations, EUROCHAMBRES

REMCO DE BRUJIN, EU Public Affairs Coordinator, Netherlands Chamber of Commerce

BEATRIZ ZAFRA, Coordinator Employment, Training and Education Programs - Training Entrepreneurship and Employment Department, Chamber of Commerce of Spain

Innovation and cohesion: the way forward

CHRISTOS ANGELOPOULOS, DG RTD, Unit A3, European Commission

NICOLA DE MICHELIS, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner for Regional Policy Corina Cretu

SECOND SESSION

SKILLS MOBILITY

Facilitator: Martin Schmid, WKÖ

14:30

Best practices observatory

LUCA BOETTI, Head of EU and innovative projects Unit, IFOA – Training and service Centre for Italian Chambers of Commerce

Higher VET, EQF 5 and mobility projects: lessons learnt

MARIE-THERESE PALLAUF, Junior Chamber/Start-Up Service, WKÖ

WKÖ's involvement in Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

15:45

	<p>PATRICE GUEZOU, Education and Training Department Director, CCI France <i>“Movil’App”, encouraging apprentices mobility in Europe</i></p> <p>SARA REVILLA, Coordinator Mobility Plan, Training Entrepreneurship and Employment Department, Chamber of Commerce of Spain <i>Integral Program of Qualification and Employment (PICE)</i></p>
<i>Innovative EU trends</i>	<p>JOAO SANTOS, DG Employment, European Commission <i>“ErasmusPro” pilot action and outlook on future programme in Erasmus+ & Information on 2nd European Vocational Skills Week 2017</i></p>
<i>Chambers’ corner</i>	<p>Showcasing successful projects</p>
<i>Coffee break</i>	

THIRD SESSION

HORIZON SOLUTIONS

Facilitator: Mathias Dubbert, DIHK

16:15

<i>Best practices observatory</i>	<p>ILARIA BONETTI, INNOVHUB – Special Agency of Milan’s Chamber of Commerce <i>Positioning Chambers in sectoral innovation eco-systems</i></p> <p>ALEXANDER LAU, Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) for Munich and Upper Bavaria, Director Europe, Enterprise Europe Network Bavaria (tbc)</p> <p>RYAN TITLEY, Strategic Planning Manager of ERRIN <i>Networking with regions in R&D</i></p>
<i>Innovative EU trends</i>	<p>BERND REICHERT, Head of Unit A2, EASME <i>H2020 SME instrument</i></p> <p>MASSIMILIANO DRAGONI, DG CONNECT, Unit F3, European Commission <i>Startup and Scaleup: from Initiative to projects</i></p>
<i>Chambers’ corner</i>	<p>Showcasing successful projects</p>

17:30

Presentation of the EUROCHAMBRES Economic Forum -
25-26 October 2017, Barcelona (Spain)

18:00

End of working sessions

19:30

Networking Dinner

CHEZ ALEX, Rue Haute 224, 1000 Brussels

30th JUNE

FOURTH SESSION

NETWORKS & PLATFORMS

Facilitator: Flavio Burlizzi, *Unioncamere Europa*

08:30

ACCESS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND REGISTRATION

09:30

Best practices observatory

ANDREA RUBINI, Scientific and Policy manager, WSSTP
What for Chambers in technology platforms?

CHRISTOPHE BODIN, Member of EU Funding Committee, EBAN
EU funding projects for innovative finance

ESTEBAN PELAYO, Director of EURADA
Wafaty: stimulating digital entrepreneurship

MICHÈLE BERNARD, Partner and customer relationship Director, CCI Paris Ile de France
“CCI Business”, visualizing the way public sector contractors and master builders invest in the future

Innovative EU trends

JOAO RODRIGUES FRADE, DG DIGIT, Unit D3.2, European Commission
Presentation of CEF Programme

Chambers' corner

Showcasing successful projects

11:00

Coffee Break

FIFTH SESSION
SMART CHAMBERS
Facilitator: Anna Corlay, CCI FRANCE

11:30

ERWAN BERTRAND, Policy Advisor, EUROCHAMBRES
Digitization of Chambers' services: the state of the art

Ludovic BOUR, Marketing Department, CCI France
"CCI STORE", platform of digital services for companies

DOMENICO MAURIELLO, Unioncamere
Growing in digital and SELFIEmployment

VASSILIS SALAPATAS, Head of ICT Dept., Athens
Chamber of Commerce and Industry
*Advances in Digital Trends for the Athens Chamber of Commerce
and Industry*

13:00

End of the seminar