

EUROCHAMBRES outlines importance of business relations with Serbia

President Christoph Leitl participated in mission of EP President Tajani to Belgrade

“These type of missions are a great opportunity to strengthen the EU economic relations between the EU and its neighbours and to underline the importance of economic diplomacy. We fully support them and we wish to continue to participate on them,” stressed Christoph Leitl, President of EUROCHAMBRES and of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ).

During the event on Investment, Growth and Job Creation, which forms part of President Tajani's mission, President Leitl gave a keynote speech underlining the importance of attracting business opportunities in the country and facilitating cooperation with EU entrepreneurs.

As part of the conference, President Leitl stressed the importance of boosting trade and investment between the EU and the Western Balkans. *“Business relations open the door to deeper relations between our entrepreneurs, our businesses and our countries. This is why the relations with the Western Balkans is one of our priorities”*, he said.

“EUROCHAMBRES is willing to support Serbia to become a Member State of the European Union in the years to come. A full EU membership would boost trade and investment both to Serbia and the EU,” pointed out Mr. Leitl.

The event was attended by high level officials and business community representatives from the Western Balkan countries. The other speakers were Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament; Aleksandar Vučić, President of the Republic of Serbia; Marko Čadež, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia; Dario Scannapieco, Vice-president of the European Investment Bank; and Jadranka Joksimović, Minister of European Integration of Serbia.

The mission to Serbia took place against the background of President Tajani's efforts to strengthen the economic dialogue with strategic partners of the EU.

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