

EUROCHAMBRES underlines importance of finding a new momentum for the Single Market

EUROCHAMBRES President Christoph Leitl met today the newly-appointed Director General for Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the European Commission, Timo Pesonen. They discussed about the importance of small businesses as the backbone of the European economy, lifelong learning and the need of an integrated policy approach between industrial policy and the Single Market.

The meeting took place in light of Mr Timo Pesonen's appointment as Director General of DG GROW and to discuss the priorities for the next term of the European Commission in the area of the Single Market.

"Today we are at a crossroads and we should ensure that the next Commission uses the right ingredients for its forthcoming Single Market agenda", EUROCHAMBRES' President **Christoph Leitl** stated.

To face the challenges of the future, Europe needs to be ahead of the curve and implement integrated policy approaches. In a time of growing protectionism within the European Union, it is important to reassert which elements have contributed to Europe's prosperity.

"It is fundamental that the different policies of the European Union –such as lifelong learning, industrial policy, small business policies, skills agenda and innovation– more than ever are compatible and complementary to each other. The Chamber Network will continue to be a trusted partner of the European Commission to bring forward constructive ideas in order to reach common goals", **President Leitl** said at the end of the meeting.

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