

## EU Summit / Strategic Agenda 2019-2024: the Single Market can be the EU's super power!

Leading representatives of the European Chamber network meeting in Brussels today highlighted the pivotal role of the Single Market in responding to citizens' concerns and enhancing the EU's competitiveness. Chambers called on heads of state and government to ensure that this is reflected in the EU's Strategic Agenda 2019-2024, which is due to be adopted during this week's European Council Summit.

EUROCHAMBRES and the Chamber network actively promoted the 2019 European elections through their #Chambers4EU campaign and noted the importance that citizens attached to global issues such as climate change, security and migration. At today's Plenary Assembly, Chambers called on EU leaders to build on the increased level of voter turnout by adopting an ambitious, realistic Strategic Agenda to respond to such major international challenges.

Summarizing the Plenary Assembly discussions, EUROCHAMBRES President, Chrisoph Leitl, emphasised the central role of the Single Market in delivering such an agenda: *"We need to work together if the EU is to punch above its weight in steering the international response to major global challenges. Chambers consider that the Single Market is vital to European cooperation, competitiveness, stability and international influence. It has the potential to be the EU's super power, but it needs reinforcement. More must be done to ensure that the four freedoms are not just a political aim, but deliver perceptible benefits to our entrepreneurs and citizens."*

EUROCHAMBRES in April wrote to the President of the European Council, Donald Tusk, underlining the need for progress on the Single Market to be at the core of the new Strategic Agenda. Many national Chamber Presidents have similarly been in touch with their governments.

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Link to EUROCHAMBRES' April 2019 letter to President Tusk: <http://bit.ly/agenda2019-24>

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