

## **New Commission President must promote business friendly policies**

EUROCHAMBRES welcomes the appointment of Ursula von der Leyen as President of the European Commission, the first woman to hold the role. The European Chamber network counts on the new President to ensure that the Commission promotes a Europe that is open for business. The agenda for the 2019-24 term must reflect the need for a dynamic, coordinated, business-friendly policy-making. The EU must enable businesses to take advantage of new opportunities, foster a conducive investment environment and remove unnecessary burdens and barriers.

The commitment to a dedicated SME strategy in President von der Leyen's political guidelines is considered by Chambers as a positive signal, but this must have substance and impact.

EUROCHAMBRES' President, Christoph Leitl, commented: *"The next five years will be decisive in building a positive, prosperous and sustainable future for the EU. I wish the President of the European Commission the very best for her term in office. European businesses are crucial to Europe's competitiveness. The new President needs to oversee significant improvements and changes to enable businesses of all sizes and across all sectors to compete nationally and internationally. Commission policies and proposals must be based on evidence and consistent, rigorous delivery by member states must be guaranteed."*

Eurochambres looks forward to working with the new President von der Leyen in this regard and stands ready to provide its strongest support in her endeavour.

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