

CONNECTING EUROPEAN CHAMBERS

Sharing regional and local opportunities on EU funding, and more...

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Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels

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Day 1 – 28 June

14.00	Registration – Welcome Coffee
14.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction & Welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dr. Ronald Roedl, Head of Steiermark Office, for the Committee of the Regions Arnaldo Abruzzini, CEO EUROCHAMBRES</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session 1</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">EU Funded Programs – What’s next</p> <p>The new Multi-Annual Financial Framework (2021-2027) of the EU is on its way...€1.279 billion to be allocated across 7 priorities and 32 different programmes. What are the main changes to be expected and which opportunities will emerge for the European Chamber network in the years to come? Andreas Schwarz - DG Budget will provide an overview, followed by more focused updates on Horizon Europe (Renzo Tomellini, DG Research) and Erasmus+ (Barbara Nolan, DG EAC - tbc).</p>
15.00	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session 2</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Launch of CHAMBER+</p> <p>A new EUROCHAMBRES initiative to allow European Chambers to cooperate in the development of EU funded programmes, by creating “Communities of Interest” ! Introduction by Arnaldo Abruzzini and Dirk Vantghem, EUROCHAMBRES</p>
15.30	<p>COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST - I</p> <p>Pre-organised networking with other European Chambers to discuss cooperation around common areas of interest (coffee will be served).</p>
16.30	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Session 3</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Digitalisation & Innovation</p> <p>Which EU programmes are available to help the Chambers and their member companies to innovate? Which Chambers have advanced more on digitalising their services and organisation? The panel will include experts from the European Commission DG Connect (Anne Marie Sassen, Massimiliano Dragoni), and EASME (Daniel Gassmann), presenting funding opportunities.</p> <p>Chamber experts sharing their best practise: CCI France (CCI Store), VOKA West Flanders (Design 5x5), KVK Innovation Lab (e-services and co-creation), CCI Barcelona (SMeTools).</p> <p>Followed by interactive debate with participants, moderated by Flavio Burlizzi</p>
18.00	<p>Conclusions & Closing day 1</p>

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19.00 – 21.00	<p>Networking Dinner @Vert de Gris</p> <p>A walking diner will provide further opportunities for Chambers to network, exchange ideas and best practise, and enjoy Belgian cuisine !¹</p>
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Day 2 – 29 June

9.00	<p>Registration</p>
9.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 4 Circular economy for a new ecosystem</p> <p>As part of its continuous effort to transform Europe's economy into a more sustainable one and to implement the ambitious Circular Economy Action Plan, the European Commission has launched important programmes and funding. How can Chambers participate in all this ? Maria Rincon from DG Environment will present the EU Circular Economy Action plan; followed by Eleni ZIKA from the Bio-based Industries Joint Undertaking.</p> <p>Chamber experts sharing their best practise: WKÖ Austria (Substitution of Chemicals), CCI Occitanie – France (Act'If).</p> <p>Followed by interactive debate with participants, moderated by Hector Benitez.</p>
10.30	<p>COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST - II</p> <p>Pre-organised networking with other European Chambers to discuss cooperation around common areas of interest (coffee will be served).</p>
11.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Session 5 Capacity building for a winning Project</p> <p>Managing European projects has become increasingly complex. The European Commission has developed new tools (Open PM²) which should help successful implementation and reduce financial risks; they will presented by Elias Michelioudakis / Daniel Cabrero.</p> <p>Also Chambers have developed best practise in managing EU programmes (Milan CCI); but there are also some lessons to be learnt (EUROCHAMBRES) !</p> <p>Followed by interactive debate with participants, moderated by Martin Schmid.</p>
12.30 – 13.00	<p>Conclusions & Closing</p>

¹ ...even if some Belgians may disappear at 8.00pm for other urgent matters.