

**5th edition**

**03 - 04 July 2019**

**Committee of the Regions**

**Rue Belliard 99/101 – Brussels**

**Background**

Many European Chambers benefit from **EU funding**, to realise their objectives and finance part of their initiatives. Partnerships have been established at regional, cross-border and European level to engage in EU programmes. Also EUROCHAMBRES has developed a wealth of experience at EU level – and beyond – to the benefit of its network.

Against this background,Connecting European Chambers wants to offer local/regional and national Chambers the opportunity to learn about new EU programmes and discover best Chamber practices. The event is part of the broader **Chamber+ initiative**, which aims to develop the untapped potential for Chambers in better cooperating as a modern network, sharing capacity and develop joint initiatives.

## **Structure**

The seminar will run on Wednesday afternoon (3rd) and Thursday morning (4th), including a networking dinner on the 3rd. Participants will be invited to join **three working sessions of their choice**, based on their personal interests (to be selected in the registration form):

* Digital Europe
* Skills (apprenticeships/vocational training)
* Entrepreneurship
* Sustainable Economy
* Asia/Africa/Latin America
* Neighbourhood & EU Enlargement
* EU Project Management

During each session, participants will:

* obtain information on upcoming EU programme opportunities for Chambers in 2019/2020
* be invited to briefly present their actions in that area, and expressing their interest for potential common actions
* start collaborating on concrete projects
* get an update of ongoing activities of EUROCHAMBRES in this area (if any)

Participants should therefore **come prepared with ideas and best practise**. Every participating Chamber should leave the seminar with **at least 1 concrete project opportunity** to develop.

## **Registration & Contacts**

Registration is **free of charge** for local, regional and national Chambers from EUROCHAMBRES’ network (including networking diner). Registrations will open on 8 May 2019 at the following [link](https://eurochambres-connecting-european-chambers.eventbrite.com/). Only 120 places are available, so tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

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**Day 1 – Wednesday, 03 July**

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| **13.30** | ***Registration of participants*** | | |
| **14.00** | **Welcome & Opening session**   * **Barbara Eibinger-Miedl, Committee of the Regions (tbc)** * **Arnaldo Abruzzini, CEO EUROCHAMBRES** * **Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Digital Economy (video intervention)** | | |
| **14.30** | **Looking forward: highlights of the new Multiannual Financial Framework (2021-2027) – Opportunities for the Chamber network**   * **Invest EU – Florentine Hopmeier, Member of Cabinet of Vice President Katainen at the European Commission** * **New Foreign Policy Instruments – Andrew Jacobs, Head of Unit DEVCO G3, Regional Sector Policy Analysis** | | |
| **15:00** | ***Break out in 3 parallel sessions*** | | |
| **15.15** | **Working Session 1**  **Digitalisation** | **Working Session 2**  **Asia/Africa/Latin America** | **Working Session 3**  **EU Project Management** |
| **16.45** | **Networking break** | | |
| **17.15** | **Closing plenary**   * **Chamber+ Platform** * **Conclusions Day 1** | | |
| **19.00** | **Networking Dinner** | | |

**Day 2 – Thursday, 04 July**

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| **09.00** | ***Registration of participants & Break out in 4 parallel sessions*** | | | | | |
| **9.30** | **Working Session 1**  **Sustainable Economy** | **Working Session 2**  **Entrepreneurship** | | **Working Session 3**  **Skills** | | **Working Session 4**  **EU Project Management** |
| **11.00** | ***Coffee Break***  ***Break out in 3 parallel sessions*** | | | | | |
| **11.30** | **Working Session 1**  **Entrepreneurship** | | **Working Session 2**  **Sustainable Economy** | | **Working Session 3**  **Neighbourhood & Enlargement** | |
| **13.00** | * **Presentation EUROCHAMBRES Economic Forum, Rome – October 2019** * **Conclusions of the event** | | | | | |