

5th edition

CONNECTING EUROPEAN CHAMBERS

Local and Regional Chambers
Moving Forward

A Chamber+ initiative

3 - 4 July 2019 - Brussels, Belgium
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Connecting European Chambers 5th edition - Final Report

Connecting European Chambers Concept

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.

Connecting European Chambers offers local/regional and national Chambers the opportunity to learn about new EU programmes and discover best Chamber practices.

The event is part of the **Chamber+ initiative**, which aims to develop the untapped potential for Chambers in better cooperating as a modern network, sharing capacity and develop joint initiatives.

169 participants from 27 countries

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

10 parallel working sessions in total

Participants per working session

Asia/Africa/Latin America	29
Digitalization	81
Entrepreneurship	96
EU Project Management	78
Neighbourhood & EU Enlargement	32
Skills	46
Sustainable Economy	85

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5 speakers from EU institutions and EUROCHAMBRES

Opening Session

Thomas Wobben - Director of the European Committee of the Regions

Arnaldo Abruzzini - CEO EUROCHAMBRES

Plenary Session

Alina Ujupan - Member of the cabinet of Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Digital Economy

Florentine Hopmeier - Member of Cabinet of Jyrki Katainen, European Commission Vice President

Andrew Jacobs - Head of DEVCO Unit, Regional Sector Policy Analysis

Speakers of Working Sessions - 3 July

Digitalization

Vesa Terava - DG CNECT,
Head of Unit Horizon 2020 -
Connecting Europe Facility

Alessio Misuri - Dintec -
Enhancing Digital skills for
Chamber's staff

Marko Cadez - Chair of
Digitalization Committee,
EUROCHAMBRES

Michel Aim - CCI France

Asia/Africa Latin America

Denis Thieulin - Deputy Head of Unit
DEVCO

Igor Kalinic - Head of Sector
EASME/COSME

Paolo Baldan - Director Management
Team Archipelago

Nicoletta Favaretto - Senior Project
Officer EUROCHAMBRES

Valeria Centinaro - Head of
International Projects Unit, Promos
Italia

EU Project Management

Dirk Vantghem - Director
Operations EUROCHAMBRES

Irina Padure - Internal
Controller EUROCHAMBRES

Liga Sičeva - Head of Project
Department, Latvian CCI

Anna Pajarón - International
Projects Department Manager
of Chamber of Terassa

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Filippo Gasparin, EASME, Project Advisor – Horizon 2020

Valerio Abbadessa, Project Officer, ENEA, EIT RawMaterials

Michel Beyet, CCI de région Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, IMPAWATT

Berta Pérez Pey, Director of the European Projects Office, Chamber of Commerce of Barcelona

Entrepreneurship

Igor Kalinic, Head of Sector, EASME – COSME

Ana Sarateanu, Senior Project Officer EUROCHAMBRES – Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs

Elin McCallum, Policy Officer, Bantani – MobiliseSME / EntreComp

Astrid Demeulenaere, Junior Project Manager, Voka – BRYO

Giovanni Pischedda, Business development & internationalization CCIAA Torino – NiLab

Skills

Jan Varchola, DG EMPL, Team leader – Vocational training, Centres of vocational excellenc

Vyte Ezerskiene, Project Officer, EACEA – Sector Skills Alliances - Blueprint

Giulio Lilli, EU Project Coordinator, Forma Camera, Chamber of Commerce of Rome

Irena Bartonova Palkova, Vice-President of the Czech Chamber of Commerce – Erasmus+

EU Project Management

Dirk Vantyghem, Director Operations, EUROCHAMBRES

Irina Padure, Internal Controller, EUROCHAMBRES

Iliana Philipova, CEO CCI Vratsa

Stéphane Gueydon, CEO CCI du Var

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CCIAA Torino – NiLab

Sustainable Economy

Milina Schumannova, EASME – Life Circular Economy

Massimo Gasparon, Innovation Director EIT RawMaterials

Laura Roman, Technopolis Group – European Resource Efficiency Knowledge Centre

Eglantine Dewitte, CCI Hauts de France – Sustainable development REV3

Roberto Valente, Unioncamere Lombardia – Funding scheme for innovative ideas on circular economy in Lombardy

Neighbourhood & Enlargement

Viltė Kaminskaitė, Project Officer, EUROCHAMBRES
Enhancing Business Support Organizations and Business Networks in the Southern Neighbourhood

Dirk Vantyghem, Director Operations, EUROCHAMBRES - EU4Business: Connecting Companies “East Invest 3”

Belgin Kilic, Senior Project Officer, EUROCHAMBRES - Turkey-EU Business Dialogue

Final Session

Dirk Vantyghem, Director Operations, EUROCHAMBRES

Flavio Burlizzi, Unioncamere Europa - Presentation EUROCHAMBRES Economic Forum in Rome 7-8
October 2019

Further information

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