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EUROCHAMBRES and U.S. Chambers meet in Vienna to discuss EU-US relations

EUROCHAMBRES' President Christoph Leitl and Thomas J. Donohue, President and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will meet in Vienna (Austria) on Monday 19th January to discuss business relations between Europe and the United States.

Top of the agenda are the multilateral trade process and the Doha Round. Furthermore, the high-ranking delegations will discuss how to strike the right balance between necessary US security measures post 9/11 and trade facilitation. Talks will also tackle business involvement in the Middle East as this is an interesting region for both organisations.

The meeting is the follow-up of the visit of a EUROCHAMBRES' delegation in the United States in September 2003.

EUROCHAMBRES' portfolio on EU-US Relations

To promote trade relations between the European Union and non European countries is one of EUROCHAMBRES' key targets.

Due to the importance of the US to European trade and vice versa – the EU and the US are each other's single largest trading partners – EUROCHAMBRES has created a portfolio for EU-US relations in the framework of its presidency. Hans Zwarts, Vice President of EUROCHAMBRES and President of the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce and Industry, is in charge of it.

EUROCHAMBRES wants to establish a stable transatlantic economic platform between the United States/North America and EU in order to be able to promote common issues and to be able to react in time of critical economic developments.

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