

SAVE THE DATE!**14-15 May, Prague:
EUROCHAMBRES Congress fights barriers to business**

On 14-15 May, EUROCHAMBRES' 16th annual Congress will take place in Prague, Czech Republic, on the theme "Doing Business Without Barriers".

Chambers of Commerce from all over Europe, entrepreneurs, institutions and experts will address the major challenges that businesses face: innovation, energy, the labour market, access to finance, trade within the internal and foreign markets – challenges that are all the more acute in the current economic crisis. Chambers will also present their expertise and best practices in helping their member companies overcome these obstacles.

Günter Verheugen, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for enterprise and industry, and Martin Říman, Czech Minister of Industry and Trade, will be among the keynote speakers of the Congress' opening session – exceptionally organised in conjunction with the European Commission which will, on the same occasion, conclude the first European SME Week.

A series of thematic workshops and fringe meetings will follow.

A Business Forum will also take place in parallel to EUROCHAMBRES' Congress, to allow networking between companies from around the world.

And the end of the Congress, Chambers will present a set of recommendations to the incoming Swedish Presidency and to the future European Parliament and European Commission on how to stimulate a dynamic and competitive business environment.

Journalists interested to attend should contact EUROCHAMBRES' Press Office, press@eurochambres.eu. More information and programme on www.eurochambres2009.eu

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EUROCHAMBRES' Congress is organised in collaboration with the Czech Chamber of Commerce and the European Commission, under the Czech Presidency of the EU, in the framework of the first European SME Week and in the context of the 2009 European Year of Creativity and Innovation.



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EUROCHAMBRES – The Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry represents over 19 million enterprises in Europe – 96% of which are SMEs – through members in 45 countries and a European network of 2000 regional and local Chambers.