

I Press Release

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## **European Parliament of Enterprises 2012 cancelled**

Due to the temporary closure of part of the European Parliament's building in Brussels following the cracks found in the Plenary Chamber's ceiling, EUROCHAMBRES decided to cancel its "European Parliament of Enterprises" event (EPE), due on 18 October.

EUROCHAMBRES' Secretary General Arnaldo Abruzzini commented: "We regret having to suspend this event which has such a great success among European businesses and institutions. However, an EPE not in the Hemicycle of the European Parliament is not an EPE any longer! The event is thus postponed to 2013, when the Hemicycle will be accessible again."

## In the morning: conference on trade and investment

In the morning of the same day, a conference on "Trade and Investment for Growth" will take place.

The conference will explore how trade and investment can function as economic stimulus for the world economy, as well as a factor to help balance out different macroeconomic cycles.

It will also discuss what more needs to be done in Europe and abroad to stop the rise in protectionism/trade restrictive industrial policies and create more business opportunities.

The conference will benefit from the participation of members of the Global Chamber Platform which brings together the major national and trans-national Chamber organisations from the four corners of the globe.

The Global Chamber Platform conference programme can be downloaded from www.eurochambres.eu/content/default.asp?PageID=1&DocID=4695

Journalist wishing to attend the morning event should send an e-mail to press@eurochambres.eu

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