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## European Parliament of Enterprises coming up soon!

On 14 October, the first ever "European Parliament of Enterprises" (EPE), organised by EUROCHAMBRES and its network of Chambers of Commerce, will take place in the hemicycle of the European Parliament in Brussels. The EPE is the first event giving the floor on political subjects directly to businesses.

774 entrepreneurs of all sizes and sectors, from 45 European countries, will debate on crucial business-related topics face to face with EU decision-makers. EU companies will also vote on specific resolutions.

European Parliament President **Hans-Gert Pöttering** will open the event, together with EUROCHAMBRES President **Pierre Simon** and high-level officials of the European Commission and the French Presidency.

Companies will assess the impact of the current financial turmoil on the real economy. Then, three thematic sessions will follow, each in the presence of an MEP and a European Commissioner.

- Session 1: "Doing Business Without Barriers" – with **Arlene McCarthy**, MEP & Chairwoman of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, and **Charlie McCreevy**, EU Commissioner for Internal Market and Services.
- Session 2: "Tackling Energy and Environmental Challenges" – with **Guido Sacconi**, MEP & Chairman of the Temporary Committee on Climate Change, and **Andris Piebalgs**, EU Commissioner for Energy.
- Session 3: "Creating an Entrepreneurial Europe" – with **Angelika Niebler**, MEP & Chairwoman of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, and **Günter Verheugen**, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Enterprise and Industry.

The event will conclude with a reception for all the participants in the MEPs' restaurant in the European Parliament. Over 1200 people are expected to attend.

### Journalists invited to register

All journalists are invited to attend the event. To register, please send an e-mail with your name, surname, organisation and date of birth to EUROCHAMBRES at [press@eurochambres.eu](mailto:press@eurochambres.eu) or to the Press Officer in charge of the event in your country (see contact details [here](#)). Registration is compulsory to access the European Parliament building. All practical information for journalists, including information about the press conference, will soon be available on [www.eurochambres.eu/content/default.asp?Pageid=122](http://www.eurochambres.eu/content/default.asp?Pageid=122).

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