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Conference

29 April 2014, 14.30 – 17.00

European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Brussels, VMA3

Great apprenticeships in small businesses Engaging SMEs in initial VET

PROGRAMME

- 14:00-14:30 **Registration**
- 14:30-14:45 **Welcome message by:**
- Richard Weber, President of EUROCHAMBRES
 - Christa Schweng, Member of Group I of the EESC
- 14:45-16:30 **Panel discussion on reasons, challenges, incentives and support structures targeted at small businesses**
Moderated by Arnaldo Abruzzini, Secretary General of EUROCHAMBRES
- Panellists:
- Csaba Ferencz, Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
 - Dana Carmen Bachmann, European Commission
 - Iris Hoffelt, Luxembourg School of Commerce
 - Leonor Moral, Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU
 - Rasa Zygmantaite, EfVET
- Discussants:
- Christian Lettmayr, CEDEFOP
 - Giorgio Zecca, European Youth Forum
- 16:30-16:50 **Key note speech by:**
- Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth
- 16:50-17:00 **Concluding remarks by:**
- Martha Schultz, Deputy President of EUROCHAMBRES