

## **Reacting to the news that the carefully negotiated long-term budget and recovery package was now blocked in Council, EUROCHAMBRES President Christoph Leitl this morning said:**

“It is shocking that political games are now blocking the much needed EU budget and recovery package, just days after agreement between the Council and Parliament. The ongoing economic impact of this deep crisis is plain to see from the figures. Chambers across Europe can testify also to the social and human impact, with entrepreneurs losing livelihoods and staff losing jobs every day. Further delays to the €1.82 trillion package undermine Europe’s recovery before it has even begun: we need agreement at this week's Council Summit!”

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