

The European Chamber Network's services to business



The annual State of the Union speech by the President of the European Commission is a moment to take stock of the current situation and to consider future challenges and opportunities. As the short number of examples below show, Chambers across Europe have been dedicated over the last year to delivering services to companies to adapt to COVID-19, to enhance their digital and green transition, to meet their skills needs, to boost their international competitiveness and to facilitate financial support at different stages in the business cycle. These services will continue to evolve as the chamber network supports the business community in driving a sustainable economic recovery.

DIHK - One-stop-shop on pandemic regulations: DIHK's emergency mailbox provided quick advice on financial support, safety measures and best practices for companies.



Unioncamere - Measuring skill mismatches identified "missing" in demand skills, developed certification paths (in mechatronics, digital, tourism) and launched a gamification tool for digital assessment www.dskill.eu



Belgian Chamber - Voka Charter Sustainable Entrepreneurship. The Chamber developed a sustainability certification scheme involving an external expert committee, which requires companies to take actions within the Sustainable Development Goals.



Chambers Ireland - The Chamber organises regular webinar information sessions on the topic of the circular economy and the Sustainable Development Goals.



Chamber of Commerce Luxembourg - The Chamber 'Mutualité de Cautionnement' service helps businesses to access finance through the provision of consultancy and bank guarantees.



WKÖ - The Chamber hosts EuroSkills 2021, a European Championship where 400 young professionals compete in 45 professional categories to promote vocational education.



CCI FRANCE - The Chamber launched an online platform that helps companies identify and access tailor-made funding as well as public support available under the Recovery Plan. <https://les-aides.fr/>



CCCI - Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry keeps its members regularly informed on the COVID-19 measures and has contributed extensively to the national Recovery and Resilience Plan.



BCCI - Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry is applying modern IT solutions to make Bulgarian companies and products visible online at BCCI - Trade register interlinked with BG barcode - <https://bgbarcode.bg>



Spanish Chamber of Commerce - 45+ Programme, for the digital retraining of the over-45s who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic; the direct aid plan for SMEs for an amount of 1.6 million euros; and the “Objetivo Transformación” web portal to provide companies with all the information on Next Generation, the National Recovery, Transformation and Resilience Plan and the calls for applications for financial aid.



Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce - “e-Chamber”, the remote and transactional member services was launched by the Athens CCI. Their service offer includes e-Consultancy services focussing on for COVID-19 related issues.



Finland CC - Emissions Reduction Training for Business 2020 Initiative led by the Finland Chamber of Commerce, which involves a series of training courses. The main objective is to guarantee carbon neutrality by 2035 or 2040. It also provides a climate logo.



Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia - The Chamber developed Digital Solidarity providing SME with free tools and services to establish remote work quickly, especially for less digitalised companies.



Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Serbia - The Chamber launched the SPEED Program which offers two days of free consulting support for companies in all industries and help them switch to remote work and online operations with customers and suppliers.



Malta Chamber - MBB was instrumental in proposing the Business Re-Engineering & Transformation Scheme to support SMEs to realign their business activities, restructure their employees, product and/or service portfolio, optimise the use of technology and embrace green technology and practices.



TOBB - The Chamber launched the Smart SMEs platform to provide SMEs with digitalization-oriented equipment and skills to keep their businesses going during the pandemic period.



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