



Connecting European Chambers – 7th edition Brussels 28 – 29 June 2022

Background

Many European chambers are interested in pursuing EU project opportunities. Partnerships have been established at regional, cross-border and European level to engage in EU programmes. Eurochambres has also developed a wealth of experience in EU projects to the benefit of its network.

The 2022 Connecting European Chambers offers local, regional and national chambers within the Eurochambres network the opportunity to learn about EU programmes and discover best Chamber practices. It aims to develop the capacity for chambers to cooperate on EU projects, building on the network's strengths to enhance synergy and deliver added value services to the business community.

Structure

The seminar will run on the afternoon of Tuesday, 28 June, and the morning of Wednesday, 29 June, with a networking cocktail on the 28th.

In the first part of **day one**, participants will learn about two of the major EU funded programmes, namely Horizon Europe and LIFE, from two different points of view. During this plenary session, they will first hear from European Commission officials and afterwards from experts who worked on specific calls in the framework of these two programmes. After each presentation a Q&A session will follow for an interactive discussion.

Afterwards, in the second part of day one, participants will be invited to join one working session of their choice, based on their personal interests (to be selected in the registration form):

- Entrepreneurship & SME (including a focus on women entrepreneurship)
- Innovation & Digitalisation
- Internationalisation (Africa, Asia, Latin America)
- Neighbourhood and Enlargement
- Skills
- Sustainability

Each workshop will be limited to about 40 participants to facilitate interaction and will unfold along the following lines:

1. Short introduction by moderator

2. Presentation of a best practice selected in advance and guided by a template with targeted questions
3. A structured discussion among participants
Attendees in each workshop will be split in separate groups and given a potential scenario to discuss and solve together. The scenario that will trigger the conversation will include an issue that a chamber may face in the field of the main topic tackled by the workshop. At the end of the session, each group will present their finalised solution.
4. Short conclusion

These workshops will facilitate a practical discussion among Chamber representatives. Participants should therefore come prepared to share ideas, experiences and practices.

On **day two**, participants will start in a plenary session where they will learn more about Erasmus+, firstly from a European Commission speaker and secondly from an experienced Chamber who will present its best practice on the topic. After each presentation a Q&A session will follow for an interactive discussion.

After the coffee break, participants will be invited to join one working session of their choice, based on their personal interests. The structure of these workshops will be similar to the one attended on the previous day.

A short plenary session will conclude the event.

Programme

Day 1 – Tuesday, 28 June

- **13.30 – 14.00:** Registration of participants
- **14.00 – 15.30:**
 - Welcome opening online participation possible
 - Presentation of Horizon Europe and LIFE by European Commission officials and Q&A
 - Discussion with experts on Horizon Europe and LIFE
- **15.30 – 16.00:** Coffee break
- **16.00 – 17.30:** 3 parallel workshops on: in-person participation only
 - Entrepreneurship & SME (including a focus on women entrepreneurship)
 - Innovation & Digitalisation
 - Internationalisation (Africa, Asia, Latin America)
- **18.00 – 20.00:** Networking cocktail

Day 2 – Wednesday, 29 June

- **09.30 – 11.00:** Plenary session online participation possible
 - Presentation of Erasmus+ by European Commission officials and Q&A
 - Chamber intervention on Erasmus+
 - Discussion with Eurochambres on the participation of chambers in EU-funded projects
- **11.00 – 11.30:** Coffee break
- **11.30 – 13.00:** 3 parallel workshops on: in-person participation only
 - Neighbourhood and Enlargement
 - Skills
 - Sustainability
- **13.00 – 13.15:** Closing session

Practical information

The 7th edition of Connecting European Chambers will take place at the premises of TOBB – Avenue de l'Yser, 5 – in Brussels.

Online participation will be possible during the two plenary sessions, whereas only in-person participation will be available during the workshops.

Registration is free of charge for local, regional and national chambers from the Eurochambres network. Registrations will open on 28 April 2022 at the [following link](#) and will close on 23 June (12.00PM CET). Only 120 places are available, so tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

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