



Connecting European Chambers – 8th edition

Brussels, European Economic and Social Committee

28 – 29 June 2023

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 2023 Connecting European Chambers offers local/regional and national chambers within the Eurochambres network the opportunity to learn about new 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 Wednesday, 28 June, and the morning of Thursday, 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 hear from European Commission officials and from chamber colleagues who worked on specific calls in the framework of these 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):

- Communication in a project: promotion and dissemination
- Cooperation with the partners in the consortium
- Exchange of project ideas

Each workshop will be limited to about 40 participants to facilitate interaction. These workshops will facilitate a practical discussion among Chamber representatives. Participants should therefore come prepared to share ideas, experiences and practices.



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On **day two**, participants will start in a plenary session where they will learn more about Erasmus+ and Digital Europe. Also, in this case we will invite institutional speakers who will provide information about the programmes and experienced chambers who will present their best practice on the topic. After each presentation, a Q&A section will allow for an interactive discussion.

These presentations and discussions will be followed by a session where participants will have the chance to pitch their project ideas and potentially identify partners who are interested to join and work together.

The event will conclude with a speed-dating session.

Agenda

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE

13.30 – 14.00	Registration of participants
14.00 – 15.30 <i>hybrid session</i>	Opening session Welcome words Ben Butters, CEO of Eurochambres Presentation of EU funded programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Horizon Europe: part I<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Daniel Gassmann, Head of Sector, EU Innovation Ecosystems, EISMEA▪ Márton Herczeg, Head of Unit, Innovation Ecosystem, EIT (tbc)○ LIFE<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Milina Schumannova, Project Adviser, LIFE Environment (Nature & Circular Economy), CINEA▪ Chamber best practice
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.30	3 parallel workshops on: Communication in a project: involvement of stakeholders Cooperation with the partners in the consortium Exchange of project ideas
18.00 – 20.00	Networking cocktail

DAY 2 – THURSDAY, 29 JUNE

9:00 – 10.30 <i>hybrid session</i>	Plenary session: presentation of EU funded programmes Horizon Europe: Part II
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- Michel Beyet, Evaluator Horizon Europe Erasmus+
 - Teodora Balau, Call Coordinator, Skills and Innovation, EACEA (tbc)
 - Chamber best practice
- Digital Europe
- Daniela Rosati, Head of Sector, Digital Europe, HADEA (tbc)
 - Chamber best practice

10.30 – 11.15 Pitch your project

hybrid session

11.15 – 12.15 Speed dating & coffee

Practical information

The 8th edition of Connecting European Chambers will take place at the premises of the European Economic and Social Committee.

Online participation will be possible during the plenary sessions, whereas only in-person participation will be available during the workshops, networking and speed-dating sessions.

Registration is free of charge for local, regional and national chambers from the Eurochambres network. Registrations will open on 22 March 2023 at the [following link](#) and will close on 21 June (12.00PM CET). Only 120 places are available, so tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

More information:

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