



20 March 2024  
9:00 – 12:30 CET  
*Residence Palace (Maelbeek room), Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Brussels*  
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## Draft Agenda

<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Welcome coffee</b>
<b>09.30 - 09.40</b>	<b>Introduction</b> Vladimír Dlouhý, President of Eurochambres
<b>09:40 – 09.50</b>	<b>Role of the chambers in the EU accession process</b> Rifat Hisarciklioğlu Vice-President of Eurochambres and Chair of the Neighbourhood and Enlargement Committee (TR)
<b>09:50 – 10.00</b>	<b>Summary of the results of Eurochambres' surveys on enlargement</b> Ben Butters, CEO of Eurochambres
<b>10:00 – 10:10</b>	<b>EU enlargement: Opportunities and challenges for the business community</b> Štefan Füle, Former European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy
<b>10:10 – 10.20</b>	<b>How the European Commission can further engage the business community in the enlargement process</b> Michael Miller, Head of Unit for Montenegro and Serbia, Directorate for the Western Balkans, DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations, European Commission

<b>10:20 – 11:10</b>	<p><b>Panel discussion 1 - EU enlargement: the business perspective in the candidate and potential candidate countries</b></p> <p>Moderator: Marko Čadež, Vice Chair of Eurochambres' Neighbourhood and Enlargement Committee (SR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dragica Martinović, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Vice-President of the Western Balkans Follow-up Committee</li> <li>• Giorgi Pertaia, President of the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>• Gennadiy Chyzhykov, President of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>• Sergiu Harea, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Moldova</li> <li>• Pavle D. Radovanovic, Vice-President of the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro</li> <li>• Mr. Ayhan Zeytinoglu , President of Kocaeli Chamber of Industry (TR)</li> <li>• Representative of a Serbian company (<i>name to be confirmed</i>)</li> </ul>
<b>11:10 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:20</b>	<p><b>Panel discussion 2 - EU enlargement: the business perspective in the current EU member states</b></p> <p>Moderator: Giorgi Pertaia, Vice Chair of Eurochambres' Neighbourhood and Enlargement Committee (GE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michèle Deneffe, First Counsellor, COELA (Enlargement), Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU</li> <li>• Petras Auštrevičius MEP, Renew, Lithuania</li> <li>• Vasile Todorov, Secretary General of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>• Sebastian Koeberl, Austrian Economic Chamber - WKÖ, Team Leader</li> <li>• Luc Van Looveren, Voka – Chamber of Commerce Antwerpen-Waasland, Senior Advisor on EU relations</li> <li>• Attila Galambos, Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chairman of the Western-Balkan Committee and Vice Chairman of the Committee for International Affairs</li> </ul>
<b>12:20 – 12:30</b>	<b>Conclusion</b>

### **Further information**

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