

Eurochambres
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Navigating new horizons, creating opportunities

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AGENDA

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DAY 1, WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

- Afternoon
18:00 – 20:00
- Eurochambres General Assembly** [only for Eurochambres members]
Welcome reception Eurochambres Congress
- Bart De Wever, Mayor of Antwerp
 - Luc Luwel, CEO of Voka – Chamber of Commerce and Industry Antwerp
 - Vladimír Dlouhý, President of Eurochambres

DAY 2, THURSDAY 13 JUNE

- 08:00 – 09:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Official opening of the Eurochambres Congress**
- Cathy Berx, Governor of the Antwerp Province
 - Vladimír Dlouhý, President of Eurochambres
- 09:30 – 10:00 **Opportunities and challenges for the next political cycle**
- Maroš Šefčovič, Executive Vice President of the European Commission
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Panel discussion: Implications of the digital and green transition on businesses and the role chambers can play in supporting them**
- David Osimo, Director of Research of the Lisbon Council
 - Inspiring chamber best practices
 - Voka Charter Sustainable Entrepreneurship
Sven de Vocht, Director of services, Voka – Chamber of Commerce and Industry Antwerp
 - Technology platform for business
Jorge Linares Ferrán, Director Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Valencia
- 11:00 – 11:45 **Networking coffee break**
- 11:45 – 13:00 **Parallel workshops**
- Chamber influence and visibility | Effective advocacy: strategies for chambers
 - Sustainable chamber business model | Adapting expectations: evolving member needs and chamber services
 - Twin transition of chambers | Chamber operations: strategies for environmentally sustainable business models
- 13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**
- 14:30 – 15:45 **Parallel workshops**
- Chamber influence and visibility | Building a strong brand: the chamber image in the business landscape
 - Sustainable chamber business model | Revenue resilience: diversifying income sources for chambers
 - Twin transition of chambers | Chamber 4.0: digitalisation of services and processes for enhanced member engagement
- 15:45 – 16:30 **Networking coffee break**

16:30 – 17:30

Panel discussion: Chambers' role in tackling skills shortages

- Martha Schultz, Vice-President of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber
- Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director of the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities
- Inspiring chamber best practices: Talentcenter
 - Christoph Pichler, Team Leader Talentcenter, Styrian Economic Chamber
 - Jens De Vos, Director of projects, Voka

17:30 – 17:40

A global chamber network for a global economy

- Rifat Hisarcıklioğlu, Chair of the ICC World Chambers Federation

19:30 – 22:00

Gala dinner

- Jan Jambon, Minister-President Flanders



COCKTAIL ATTIRE

DAY 3, FRIDAY 14 JUNE

09:00 – 09:30

Welcome coffee

09:30 – 10:20

Mapping the economic challenges and opportunities for the next EU term

- Barbara Moens, Chief EU Correspondent at POLITICO (tbc)
- Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Executive and Chief Economist at EPC
- Ian Lesser, Vice President of German Marshall Fund

10:20 – 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45

Insights from business leaders: Industry evolution: exploring trade, supply chain, and new tech frontiers

- Ann Mettler, Vice President of Breakthrough Energy
- Rob Harrison, Regional head PSA Europe Investments
- Ronnie Leten, Chair of Epiroc AB
- Sigrid de Vries, Director General, European Automobile Manufacturers' Association

11:45 – 12:15

A vision for the economy with Luc Frieden, Prime Minister of Luxembourg

12:15 – 12:20

Conclusion of day 2: lessons learned and future vision

- Vladimír Dlouhý, President of Eurochambres

12:20 – 13:30

Lunch

19:00

Garden Party at Antwerp Zoo | OPTIONAL EXTRA

