

CONNECTING EUROPEAN CHAMBERS: Sharing regional and local opportunities on EU funding, and more...

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Committee of the Regions, Rue Belliard 99-101, 1040 Brussels

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Day 1 – 28 June

14.00	Registration
	<p>Introduction & Welcome by the Committee of the Regions & EUROCHAMBRES</p> <p><u>Session 1</u> EU Funded Programs – What's next The new Multi-Annual Financial Framework (2021-2027) of the EU is on its way...€1.279 billion to be allocated across 7 priorities and 32 different programmes. What are the main changes to be expected and which opportunities will emerge for the European Chamber network in the years to come ?</p> <p>Experts from the European Commission will provide guidance into this.</p>
15.00	<p><u>Session 2</u> Launch of Chambers+ A new EUROCHAMBRES initiative to allow European Chambers to cooperate in the development of EU funded programmes, by creating “Communities of Interest” !</p>
15.30	<p>Coffee Break – Communities of Interest I Networking with other European Chambers to discuss cooperation around common areas of interest.</p>
16.30	<p><u>Session 3</u> Digitalisation & Innovation Which EU programmes are available to help the Chambers and their member companies to innovate ? Which Chambers have advanced more on digitalising their services and organisation?</p> <p>The panel will include both experts from the European Commission presenting funding opportunities, and Chamber experts sharing their best practise. Followed by interactive debate with participants.</p>
17.30	Closing Day 1
19.00	<p>Networking Dinner A walking diner will provide further opportunities for Chambers to network, exchange ideas and best practise, and enjoy Belgian cuisine !</p>

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Day 2 – 29 June

9.00	Registration
9.30	<p align="center">Session 4 Circular economy for a new ecosystem</p> <p>As part of its continuous effort to transform Europe's economy into a more sustainable one and to implement the ambitious Circular Economy Action Plan, the European Commission has launched important programmes and funding. How can Chambers participate in all this ?</p> <p>The panel will include both experts from the European Commission presenting funding opportunities, and Chamber experts sharing their best practise. Followed by interactive debate with participants.</p>
10.30	<p align="center">Coffee Break – Communities of Interest II</p> <p>Networking with other European Chambers to discuss cooperation around common areas of interest.</p>
11.30	<p align="center">Session 5 Capacity building for a winning Project</p> <p>Managing European projects has become increasingly complex. The European Commission has developed new tools which should help successful implementation and reduce financial risks; they will presented during this panel. Also Chambers have developed best practise in managing EU programmes; some lessons to be learnt !</p>
12.30	Conclusions
13.00	End of the seminar



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