EUROCHAMBRES

CONNECTING EUROPEAN CHAMBERS
5th edition

Local and Regional Chambers Moving Forward
A Chamber+ initiative

03 - 04 July 2019
Committee of the Regions, Brussels

Background

Many European Chambers benefit from **EU funding**, to realise their objectives and finance part of their initiatives. Partnerships have been established at regional, cross-border and European level to engage in EU programmes. Also EUROCHAMBRES has developed a wealth of experience at EU level – and beyond – to the benefit of its network.

Against this background, Connecting European Chambers wants to offer local/regional and national Chambers the opportunity to learn about new EU programmes and discover best Chamber practices. The event is part of the broader **Chamber+ initiative**, which aims to develop the untapped potential for Chambers in better cooperating as a modern network, sharing capacity and develop joint initiatives.

Structure

The seminar will run on Wednesday afternoon (3rd) and Thursday morning (4th), including a networking dinner on the 3rd. Participants will be invited to join **three working sessions of their choice**, based on their personal interests (to be selected in the registration form):

- Digital Europe
- Skills (apprenticeships/vocational training)
- Entrepreneurship
- Circular Economy
- Energy & Transport
- Asia/Africa/Latin America
- Neighbourhood & EU Enlargement
- Migration
- EU Project Management

During each session, participants will:

- ➢ obtain information on upcoming EU programme opportunities for Chambers in 2019/2020
- ➢ be invited to briefly present their actions in that area, and expressing their interest for potential common actions
- ➢ start collaborating on concrete projects
- ➢ get an update of ongoing activities of EUROCHAMBRES in this area (if any)

Participants should therefore **come prepared with ideas and best practise**. Every participating Chamber should leave the seminar with **at least 1 concrete project opportunity** to develop.

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Registration & Contacts

Registration is **free of charge** for local, regional and national Chambers from EUROCHAMBRES' network (including networking diner). Registrations will open on 8 May 2019 at the following link. Only 100 places are available, so tickets will be given out on a first come, first served basis.

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Day 1 – Wednesday, 03 July

13.30 – 14.00	*Registration & Welcome coffee*
14.00 – 14.30	Welcome & Opening session • Barbara Eibinger-Miedl, Committee of the Regions (tbc) • Arnaldo Abruzzini, CEO EUROCHAMBRES • Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Digital Economy
14.30 – 15.00	Looking forward: highlights of the new Multiannual Financial Framework (2021-2027) – Opportunities for the Chamber network • Invest EU • New Foreign Policy Instruments
15:00	*Break out in 3 parallel sessions (*)*

15.15 – 16.45	Working Session 1	Working Session 2	Working Session 3

17.00 – 18.00	Closing plenary • Chamber+ Platform • Conclusions Day 1
19.00 – 21.00	Networking Dinner

Day 2 – Thursday, 04 July

09.00	*Welcome Coffee - Break out in 3 parallel sessions (*)*		
9.30	Working Session 4	Working Session 5	Working Session 6
11.00	*Coffee Break - Break out in 3 parallel sessions (*)*		
11.30	Working Session 7	Working Session 8	Working Session 9
13.00	• Presentation EUROCHAMBRES Economic Forum, Rome – October 2019 • Conclusions of the event		

* Participants will join 1 working session of their choice on July 3, and 2 sessions on July 4. Depending on the preferences of the participants (as indicated in their registration form), a final schedule will be arranged which reflects the themes that are most wanted. This means that the order of the sessions may slightly change or that a session may be cancelled or proposed more than once, if requested by a large number of participants.

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