

## Connecting European Chambers – 6th edition

29 JUNE – 1 JULY 2021  
online

### PROGRAMME

**DAY 1: 29 June** Plenary conference - participants will learn about EU-funded programmes from European Commission officials

<b>9.30 – 9.40</b>	<b>Introductory words</b> , Ben Butters, CEO of EUROCHAMBRES	
	<u>Presentation of the main EU-funded programmes:</u>	
<b>9.40 – 10.00</b>	▪ <b>Erasmus+</b>	Skills
<b>10.00 – 10.20</b>	▪ <b>LIFE</b>	Sustainability
	- <i>short break</i> -	
<b>10.30 – 10.50</b>	▪ <b>DIGITAL</b>	Innovation & Digitalisation
<b>10.50 – 11.10</b>	▪ <b>NDICI</b>	Internationalisation and Neighbourhood & Enlargement
<b>11.10 – 11.30</b>	▪ <b>Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance</b>	Neighbourhood & Enlargement
	- <i>short break</i> -	
<b>11.40 – 12.00</b>	▪ <b>EU IPO</b> – Ideas powered for business	Entrepreneurship & SMEs
<b>12.00 – 12.20</b>	▪ <b>AMIF</b>	Skills
	- <i>long break</i> -	
<b>14.00 – 14.20</b>	▪ <b>InvestEU</b>	Entrepreneurship & SMEs
<b>14.20 – 14.40</b>	▪ <b>Technical Support Instrument</b>	multisectoral
	- <i>short break</i> -	
<b>14.50 – 15.10</b>	▪ <b>COSME</b>	Entrepreneurship & SMEs
<b>15.10 – 15.30</b>	▪ <b>Interreg</b>	multisectoral
<b>15.30 – 16.00</b>	▪ <b>Horizon Europe</b>	multisectoral
<b>16.00 – 16.20</b>	<b>Presentation of the Communities of Interest</b> Giulia Rocchi, Head of Cabinet and Members' Relations Coordinator	

**DAY 2: 30 June** Working sessions - Chamber participants will be invited to take part in working sessions of their choice for networking and for a discussion on potential common actions, factoring in relevant new or recent calls for proposal in the field

**9.30 – 11.00** | **Neighbourhood & Enlargement**

**11.15 – 12.45** | **Innovation & Digitalisation**

**13.30 – 15.00** | **Internationalisation**

**DAY 3: 1 July** Working sessions - Chamber participants will be invited to take part in working sessions of their choice for networking and for a discussion on potential common actions, factoring in relevant new or recent calls for proposal in the field

**9.30 – 11.00** | **Sustainability**

**11.15 – 12.45** | **Entrepreneurship & SMEs**

**13.30 – 15.00** | **Skills**

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### 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 2021 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 from Tuesday 29 June to Thursday 1 July, starting in a plenary conference and continuing in separate topic-specific sessions.

On day one, the event opens with a plenary conference, where participants will learn about EU funding possibilities from European Commission officials in relation to 6 different topics: Entrepreneurship & SME, Innovation, Internationalisation, Neighbourhood and Enlargement, Skills and Sustainable Europe.

Building on this first general introduction, Chamber participants will be invited to take part in working sessions of their choice; these sessions will be taking place during days two and three. The 6 topics of discussion will mirror those of the preceding plenary.

Each workshop will unfold along the following lines:

- ◆ Short introduction by facilitator & tour de table
- ◆ A structured discussion among participants on potential common actions, factoring in relevant new or recent calls for proposal in the field. The objective will be to develop the groundwork for future project submissions by Chamber consortia, whether in relation to an open call for proposals or in preparation for an expected forthcoming call.

These workshops will facilitate a practical, interactive discussion among Chamber representatives. Participants should therefore come prepared to share ideas, experiences and practices.

### **Registration & Contacts**

Registration is free of charge for local, regional and national Chambers from the EUROCHAMBRES network. Registration will open on 20 May 2021 via the following [link](#) and will close on 25 June 2021 (12.00 PM).

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