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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT OF ENTERPRISES®

The "European Parliament of Enterprises" (EPE) is organised by EUROCHAMBRES, the Association of European Chambers of Commerce and Industry, once every two years. It is co-organised by the European Parliament. **This year it will take place on 10 October 2018.**

WHO IS PARTICIPATING?

751 entrepreneurs coming from 27 EU countries and 18 from non-EU members of EUROCHAMBRES will have the opportunity to feel like Members of the European Parliament for one day, sitting in the Brussels' Hemicycle, debating and voting on political resolutions, just like real MEPs would do.

WHY?

The concept of the "European Parliament of Enterprises" originated from the consideration that there is a democratic gap between the European institutions and the main actors of economic growth, entrepreneurs and that, consequently, European legislators do not sufficiently take into account entrepreneurs' concerns.

On the other hand, businesses are largely unfamiliar with the role and functioning of the European Union and the significance that the institutions' decisions can have on their activities and results. The EPE recreates a parliamentary session and give the floor to European entrepreneurs. This highlights the "economic democracy" of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry through their representation and their structure.

HOW IS THE EVENT ORGANISED?

EPE National Coordinators recruit the businesses in their respective countries, raising awareness and helping them to prepare for the debates. These businesses will subsequently form a "permanent sample" for EUROCHAMBRES to gather feedback and data on the situation of SMEs in Europe.

WHICH TOPICS?

This year SKILLS will be the major topic at the EPE. The most important fields of interest for the debate will be identified after comparing the political priorities put forward by the European Commission, the European Parliament, the EU Presidency and EUROCHAMBRES.

OUTCOME?

At the end of each debate, a voting session will provide the possibility for EPE members to express their opinion. The results of the votes will be presented by EUROCHAMBRES to the relevant political interlocutors-representatives from all the EU Institutions.