

## **European chambers delivering on the UN SDGs**

Hosted session by EUROCHAMBRES at the ICC 'Make Climate Action Everyone's Business Forum' in the framework of the COP26

Date: 4 November 2021 Time: 9h30-10h45

The COP26 meeting this year will be pivotal. The world is getting ready to finalize and implement the Paris Agreement. This will result in much stronger collaboration with and inclusion of the private sector. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can serve as a basic universal framework for businesses to align their operations. Bringing the SDGs and their significance closer to businesses, as well as demonstrating methods of supporting their implementation, is therefore crucial. This webinar will thus focus on how to support businesses on their way to decarbonisation using the framework of the UN SDGs. It aims to make them better understandable and applicable for businesses by demonstrating the benefits they provide. The session will give an overview of both the international and European perspectives on the SDGs, as well as the business point of view. During the session, we will highlight European chamber's support mechanisms in the various fields of the UN SDGs, which have a high potential to support companies achieving on the goals.

## Agenda:

- Intro & welcoming words by the moderator Lina Konstantinopoulou (Policy Director EUROCHAMBRES)
- Opening statement by EUROCHAMBRES President Christoph Leitl
- Moderated panel discussion:
  - Peter Wollaert, Chair United Nations Association Belgium Flanders
  - Tbd, European Commission
  - Stefanie Weniger, Head of Global Compact Network Austria
- Chamber showcases :
  - Jens De Vos, Projects Director, Voka Flanders' Chambers of Commerce and Industry: VOKA sustainability certification scheme
  - Gabriel Cassar, Senior Executive Sustainable Development, Malta Business Bureau: MBB's work on food waste reduction
  - Anne-Maria Loesch, Head of Business Development & CSR, Chamber of Commerce Luxembourg: Working group on Sustainable Development
  - Michaela Reilly, Policy and Research Executive, Chambers Ireland: Chambers Ireland activities around the SDGs
  - Gabriel Petrus, Deputy Director of Global Partnerships and Development,
  - ICC: SME360X: the measure of SMEs to become greener and competitive
- Q&A with audience



This event will be useful for businesses, chambers of commerce, policymakers and business support institutions

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