



20 March 2024
9:00 – 12:30 CET
Residence Palace (Maelbeek room), Rue de la Loi 155, 1040 Brussels
[Registration link](#)

Draft Agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Welcome coffee
09.30 - 09.40	Introduction Vladimír Dlouhý, President of Eurochambres
09:40 – 09.50	Role of the chambers in the EU accession process Rifat Hisarciklioğlu Vice-President of Eurochambres and Chair of the Neighbourhood and Enlargement Committee (TR)
09:50 – 10.00	Summary of the results of Eurochambres' surveys on enlargement Ben Butters, CEO of Eurochambres
10:00 – 10:10	EU enlargement: Opportunities and challenges for the business community Štefan Füle, Former European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy
10:10 – 10.20	How the European Commission can further engage the business community in the enlargement process Michael Miller, Head of Unit for Montenegro and Serbia, Directorate for the Western Balkans, DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement negotiations, European Commission

10:20 – 11:20	<p>Panel discussion 1 - EU enlargement: the business perspective in the candidate and potential candidate countries</p> <p>Moderator: Marko Čadež, Vice Chair of Eurochambres' Neighbourhood and Enlargement Committee (SR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dragica Martinović, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee, Vice-President of the Western Balkans Follow-up Committee • Giorgi Pertaia, President of the Georgian Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Gennadiy Chyzhykov, President of the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Sergiu Harea, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Moldova • Pavle D. Radovanovic, Vice-President of the Chamber of Economy of Montenegro • Ayhan Zeytinoglu , President of Kocaeli Chamber of Industry (TR) • Milan Vukosavljević, Executive director, Utva Silosi (SR)
11:20 – 11:40	Coffee break
11:40 – 12:25	<p>Panel discussion 2 - EU enlargement: the business perspective in the current EU member states</p> <p>Moderator: Giorgi Pertaia, Vice Chair of Eurochambres' Neighbourhood and Enlargement Committee (GE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michèle Deneffe, First Counsellor, COELA (Enlargement), Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU • Petras Auštrevičius MEP, Renew, Lithuania • Vasil Todorov, Secretary General of the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry • Sebastian Koeberl, Austrian Economic Chamber - WKÖ, Team Leader • Luc Van Looveren, Voka – Chamber of Commerce Antwerpen-Waasland, Senior Advisor on EU relations
12:25-12.30	Conclusion

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