

Rebooting Europe online events series 12 – 14 October 2020

Businesses – micro, small, medium and also large – are suffering economic hardship as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic that dwarfs even the peak of the financial crisis of 10 to 12 years ago.

Chambers of Commerce & Industry have been closer than ever to their members since the crisis began and recognise their role in helping businesses to recover from the dramatic economic slowdown.

The crisis has underlined the importance of the EU and the interconnectivity of the European economy. A coordinated European approach is needed to revive the supply of goods and services, uphold free movement and stimulate demand.

The July 2020 special European Council reached agreement on a comprehensive package of over €1.8 trillion, combining the next multiannual financial framework long-term budget with an extraordinary 'Next Generation EU' recovery fund.

Although the budget has dominated high level EU political discussions and media headlines in recent months, a number of other powerful EU policy instruments will be critical in ensuring a swift and sustainable economic revival.

The EUROCHAMBRES Rebooting Europe online events series will enable exchanges of views and opinions on some of the key levers at the EU's disposal to drive the recovery. In this framework:

- Chamber representatives will offer insight from the network on the of the crisis on Europe's grass roots economy and consider how the EU can help struggling businesses drive the recovery;
- Senior EU policy-makers will set out initiatives to contribute to the recovery and to the institutions' priorities for the 2019-24 term;
- Participants will have the opportunity to pose questions and contribute to the debate.

The event will unfold in:

- Five thematic events on the following topics
 - Single Market
 - Skills & Entrepreneurship
 - Global Europe
 - Sustainable Europe
 - SME & Economic Policy
- A final high level panel

Sessions

a) Thematic events (12-14 October)

These sessions will take the format of a panel with Q&As. The speakers will be:

- EUROCHAMBRES leadership
- Senior EU policymakers

b) Final high level panel (14 October, 16.30 – 18.00)

The closing event will take place in the framework of the European Week of Regions and Cities, in collaboration with the Committee of the Regions. Key topics from the preceding thematic events will be addressed as part of a discussion on EU policies and measures for a swift recovery in line with the twin ecological and digital transition.

Participants:

The audience will consist of representatives from national, regional and local Chambers of Commerce & Industry, and will also be open to other interested participants.

Languages:

The whole series of online events will take place in English.

Interpretation for the audience will be available in the following languages:

- During the 5 thematic events: Italian, Turkish
- During the final high-level panel: Italian, Spanish