



Εκδήλωση για τη Διεύρυνση (Enlargement Event) οργανώνει η UNICE στις 8 Ιουλίου 2004 στις Βρυξέλλες με τη συμμετοχή των 10 νέων Επιτρόπων των νέων κρατών-μελών καθώς και των Προέδρων των Συνδέσμων μελών. Στόχος της εκδήλωσης, η οποία οργανώνεται στο πλαίσιο του προγράμματος BOSMIP, είναι η ανταλλαγή απόψεων για σημαντικά θέματα της ευρωπαϊκής επιχειρηματικής ατζέντας μεταξύ της Ευρωπαϊκής Επιτροπής και της επιχειρηματικής κοινότητας της Ευρώπης.

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ENLARGEMENT – AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESS

Thursday, 8 July 2004 at Diamant Conference Centre, Brussels

Draft Programme

09h00 – 09h30: Registration

09h30 – 09h50	Introduction
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Chair: **Dr. Jürgen Strube**, President of UNICE
Mr Günter Verheugen, EU Commissioner for Enlargement

Session 1 09h50 – 11h20	The European Union in a competitive world
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In 2000 the EU made an important step by proclaiming the Lisbon Strategy to make Europe become the most competitive and dynamic knowledge-based economy in the world with improved employment and social cohesion by 2010. In 2005 the European Union will be halfway into the Lisbon Strategy's 10-year period. The mid-term review will be an important instrument for re-engaging the commitment of the Union and its Member States as well as the social partners. What has to be done to bring Europe back on track in order to reach the Lisbon goals? What are the ways of injecting fresh stimulus into the Lisbon strategy? Which steps will be taken to improve delivery of the objectives set? What will be the input from the new Member States?

Moderator: President of a UNICE member federation from a new member state
Roundtable: **Mr Jan Figel'**, Member of the EU Commission
Mr Joe Borg, Member of the EU Commission
Ms Dalia Grybauskaitė, Member of the EU Commission
Ms Sandra Kalniete, Member of the EU Commission
Mr Pavel Telicka, Member of the EU Commission

10h20 – 11h20 Open debate

11h20 - 11h40 Coffee break

Session 2 11h40 – 13h10	The European Union in the years ahead
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The Enlargement of the European Union has been the most important contribution of the EU in recent years to long-lasting stability in Europe. Enlargement undoubtedly creates a healthy injection of dynamism for the Union. Yet, big challenges are ahead of us. Very important topics on the European agenda must be solved, for instance the financial perspective for an enlarged union, the implementation of institutional reform, relations with our new neighbours, the role of the EU towards new actors on the world scene. A strategic view for the future development of Europe is an important key to solving these issues. Which topics are the most important in the long-term perspective? How should they be addressed? What has to be done so that Europe speaks with one voice?

Moderator: President of a UNICE member federation from a new member state
Roundtable: **Mr Péter Balázs**, Member of the EU Commission
Ms Danuta Hübner, Member of the EU Commission
Mr Siim Kallas, Member of the EU Commission
Mr Markos Kyprianou, Member of the EU Commission

12h10 – 13h10

Open debate

13h10 – 14h30

Buffet lunch