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## One month to go until Eurochambres Congress 2024!



12 - 14 June: Eurochambres Congress 2024 is set to be an exceptional gathering of chamber representatives, industry leaders, and policymakers in the vibrant Belgian city of Antwerp.

This event comes just a few days after the European Parliament elections, offering chamber representatives a timely opportunity to discuss and shape the future of European business. Participants will have the chance to explore economic key issues, exchange best practices, and contribute to driving the competitiveness of the business community.

What do I get as a Congress attendee?

- **Networking opportunities:** Connect with chamber representatives, industry leaders, and policymakers from across Europe and beyond.
- **Knowledge exchange:** Engage in insightful plenary sessions and interactive workshops covering a wide range of topics relevant to European business – skills, twin transition, new technologies, chamber business models, economic challenges and opportunities for the next EU term, etc.
- **Policy insights:** Gain valuable insights into the political and economic landscape following the European Parliament elections and contribute to shaping the future of European business.

The event will feature esteemed speakers such as Luc Frieden, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Maroš Šefčovič, Executive Vice President of the European Commission, Ann Mettler, Vice President of Breakthrough Energy, and Lamia Kamal-Chaoui, Director responsible for SMEs at the OECD, among others. [See the full list here.](#)



We are glad to announce that the ICC World Chambers Federation will be our strategic partner for the Congress, their international outreach adding value to issues of mutual

interest and relevance to the global economy and chamber network.

We invite chamber representatives from across Europe and beyond to join us at Eurochambres Congress 2024 and be part of this transformative event.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow chamber representatives, industry leaders, and policymakers in the dynamic setting of Antwerp.

Visit our website for more information and secure your registration:

<https://www.eurochambres.eu/eurochambres-congress-2024/>

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UPDATES

**Prioritising Skills for the EU's 2024-2029 policy agenda**



## Review and outlook of the European Year of Skills

Skills were the focus of Eurochambres' 'Getting Back To Business' pre European election activities last week. With experts from the chamber network, we delved into various aspects of tackling skills shortages encountered by the business community and reflected on priorities for the upcoming legislative period.

The EU's Talent Pool initiative aims to address workforce deficits through legal migration. It is vital to address the shortcomings, ensuring that initiatives are user-friendly and easily accessible for companies.

Labour shortages and skills mismatches are top concerns for European businesses, necessitating continued EU prioritization of policies and reforms to sustain competitiveness.

Reflecting on the European Year of Skills, Martha Schultz, Eurochambres Vice President and Skills Committee Chair, underscored future needs and expectations as well as chamber contributions to skills advancement in an interview.

[To access the full interview, click here.](#)

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## EU compulsory licensing proposal needs improvements to guarantee legal certainty



Eurochambres has teamed up with other European business organisations to ensure that legislators reevaluate the proposed EU compulsory licensing regulation. We emphasize the need to address key matters such as inadequate judicial review and forced technology transfer or trade secrets sharing.

Co-legislators must realise that this initiative cannot undermine companies' innovation and competitiveness especially during critical moments. Eurochambres believes that a compulsory license should be considered as a last resort measure, trade secrets and know-how are explicitly excluded from the scope of the proposal and the advisory board must necessarily include industry representatives. For other recommendations on how to make this proposal work, please consult [our joint business statement here](#).

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COMING UP

**EU BUSINESS HUB**  
Japan and the Republic of Korea

# JOIN THE LAUNCHING EVENT!

ONLINE | 28 MAY, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM (CEST)



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The EU Business Hub - Japan and the Republic of Korea is an EU-funded programme that supports EU SMEs and startups in the green, digital, and healthcare sectors to enter the markets of Japan and the Republic of Korea. The programme aims to strengthen EU businesses' export and investment activities and to foster more resilient, sustainable, and technologically advanced value chains with both markets.

The programme will organise **10 business missions in Japan and 10 in the Republic of Korea over the next four years**, each business mission allowing a group of **50 innovative EU companies** to benefit from extensive business coaching.

Register [here](#) to the launching event on 28 May at 10:00 AM (CEST) to know more about the programme.

For more information please visit: [eubusinesshub.eu](http://eubusinesshub.eu)

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**Eurochambres 'Getting Back to Business EU2024-2029' to focus on single market, trade and sustainability**





EUROCHAMBRES

Single Market (13 - 17 May)

International Trade (20 - 24 May)

Sustainability (27 - 31 May)

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