



Conference on the European Charter for Small Enterprises

Bled, 3-4 June 2008 - Draft Programme



European Commission
Enterprise and Industry
Directorate-General



MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2008

18.30 – 23.00 Pre-conference networking

TUESDAY, 3 JUNE 2008

MORNING SESSION

09.00 – 09.15 Opening address by Andrej Vizjak,
Minister of the Economy, Slovenia

09.15 – 09.30 Opening address by Heinz Zourek,
Director-General, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission

09.30 – 09.45 Opening address by Andrea Benassi, Secretary General, UEAPME

09.45 – 10.00 Opening address by an Entrepreneur

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 11.45 Charter countries that learned from each other
Chair: Heinz Zourek, Director-General, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission

11.45 – 12.30 Good practices evolving – a review of good practices from previous Charter conferences
Chair: Heinz Zourek, Director-General, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch at Kokra Hotel, Brdo

AFTERNOON SESSION

14.00 – 17.30 Workshop Session I: Parallel workshops

EVENING SESSION

20.00 – 23.00 Gala Dinner

Welcome:

Françoise Le Bail, Deputy Director-General and SME Envoy, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission

Dinner speech by entrepreneur

WEDNESDAY, 4 JUNE 2008

MORNING SESSION

09.00 – 12.30 Workshop Session II: Parallel workshops

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch at Kokra Hotel, Brdo

AFTERNOON SESSION

14.00 – 15.00 Plenary session: What Europe can do for SMEs
Chair:
Françoise Le Bail; Deputy-Director-General and SME envoy Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission

15.00 – 15.15 Coffee break

15.15 – 16.45 Panel discussion
Chair: Maive Rute, Director, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission

16.45 – 17.00 Closing remarks by the Chair

17.00 – 17.15 Closing remarks by the Slovenian Presidency

WORKSHOP 1 - EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP	WORKSHOP 2 – BETTER LEGISLATION AND REGULATION, ESPECIALLY HOW TO THINK SMALL FIRST	WORKSHOP 3 – FOSTERING HIGH GROWTH INNOVATIVE SMES
Moderator: Reinhard Klein, <i>Head of Unit, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission</i>	Moderator: Mechthild Wörsdörfer, <i>Head of Unit, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission</i>	Moderator: N.N.
Youth Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Strategy (YES) in Wales <i>United Kingdom</i> Business Plan Competition <i>Lithuania</i> The School/Work project <i>Italy</i> Network of Highschool Training Firms <i>Bulgaria</i> Fostering Entrepreneurial Spirit in Higher Education <i>Tunesia</i>	Reducing the administrative burden for businesses and citizens <i>Slovenia</i> Electronic tax declaration: appointment of a tax return representative <i>Sweden</i> The Public consultations website <i>Estonia</i> Health & Safety Risk management plans – simplified! <i>United Kingdom</i> “In Tune with Business” programme <i>Hungary</i>	The “Capital City supporting new business ideas” scheme <i>Slovenia</i> The fostering of innovative SMEs in Ireland <i>Ireland</i> What Europe can do for high growth innovative SMEs <i>Belgium</i> Topic to be decided <i>a Western Balkan country</i>
WORKSHOP 4 – BEST OF OTHER CHARTER AREAS	WORKSHOP 5 – SUCCESSFUL PROMOTION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP	WORKSHOP 6 – TOP-CLASS SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY SUPPORT TO INTERNATIONALISE
Moderator: Mechthild Wörsdörfer, <i>Head of Unit, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission</i>	Moderator: Kirsi Ekroth-Manssila, <i>Deputy Head of Unit, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission</i>	Moderator: Jean-François Aguinaga, <i>Head of Unit, Enterprise and Industry Directorate-General, European Commission</i>
euBAN – The European Business Angels network <i>Belgium</i> Businessinfo.cz – A portal for business and export <i>Czech Republic</i> The SME pact <i>France</i> The Business Plan Toolbox <i>Luxembourg</i> bro:Tplus – Software for master bakers <i>Germany</i>	Presentation of promotion campaigns on entrepreneurship Enterprise Week, <i>United Kingdom</i> National Week of crafts companies <i>France</i> Emax – The Nordic training camp for your entrepreneurs <i>Sweden</i> The Super-Entrepreneur Contest on TV <i>Spain</i> Topic to be decided <i>Western Balkan country</i>	Competence Network Netherlands/ North Rhine-Westphalia <i>Germany</i> Business Links <i>Denmark</i> Pipe – Introduction plan to foreign promotion <i>Spain</i> Kivi – Competitiveness through internationalisation <i>Finland</i> KSU – National Services Network for SMEs <i>Poland</i>