European SME Week 2011

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THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER

09:00-13:00 **EXHIBITION** - YEHUDI MENUHIN MEZZANINE
Presentation by the entrepreneurs from the 'Secret of Success 2011' brochure about their companies

09:30 **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION**

- ***Joanna Drake**, Director, SMEs and Entrepreneurship, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission*
- ***Derk-Jan Eppink,** Vice-President of the SME Intergroup, European Parliament*

FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

08:00-09:30 REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE

09:30-10:30 **OPENING PLENARY SESSION** – EP HEMICYCLE

- ***Othmar Karas**, President of the SME Intergroup, European Parliament*
- ***Grażyna Henclewska**, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economy, Poland*
- ***Antonio Preto**, Head of Cabinet Vice-President Tajani, European Commission*
- ***Philippe de Buck**, Director General, BUSINESSEUROPE*
- ***Arnaldo Abruzzini**, Secretary General, EUROCHAMBRES*

10:30-12:00 **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**
- Access to Finance for SMEs
- Smart Regulation to Unburden Europe's SMEs
- Energy Efficiency and Environment – Challenge or Chance?
- SMEs on the Local and Global Innovation Scene
- Local and Regional Business Support – How can authorities make their SMEs flourish?

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 **PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**
- Nurturing Young Entrepreneurs – the role of Entrepreneurship Education
- E-Business: the enabler for SMEs innovation and growth
- Boosting Women's Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century
- Ensuring a Second Chance for Failed Entrepreneurs
- Facilitating Business Transfers in Europe

15:00-16:30 **PLENARY SESSION** – EP HEMICYCLE
Summary reports from workshop discussions

16:30-17:00 **CLOSING PLENARY SESSION**

- ***Daniel Calleja Crespo**, Deputy Director-General, European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry, and SME Envoy*
- ***Edit Herczog**, Vice-President of the SME Intergroup, European Parliament*
- ***Andrea Benassi**, Secretary General, UEAPME*