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**SUBJECT: Contribution to the Public Consultation on "Patents and Standards" of
the European Commission.**

Dear Colleagues,

The SME Envoy acts as the interface between the European Commission and the Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises' community. He listens to SMEs' concerns and represents their interests in the EU's law-making process. The standardisation process, the intellectual property rights, and their interplay are of crucial importance for the SMEs, not only for the innovative startups, but also for the established SMEs that compete in the European and international market.

Following the ongoing Public Consultation on "Patents and Standards" of the European Commission, the SME Envoy for Greece took the initiative for a meeting with the national stakeholders, which was held at the General Secretariat for Industry on the 28th of January 2015. Participants of the meeting were representatives of the Hellenic Confederation of Professionals, Craftsmen & Merchants (GSEVEE), the National Confederation of Hellenic Commerce (NCHC), the Hellenic Body for Standardisation (ELOT), the Hellenic Industrial Property Organization (OBI), the National Documentation Centre (EKT), expert lawyers, SMEs, and public officials from the competent directorates of the General Secretariat for Industry, namely the Directorate for SME Support, the Directorate for Quality Policy, and the Directorate for Business Innovation and New Technologies.