

National Country Event Slovenia

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Agenda

Thursday, 17th April 2008

8:50-9:20	Registration
1. session	OPENING REMARKS Chair: Mr. Gregor VIRANT, Minister, Ministry of Public Administration, Slovenia
9:20-9:45	Mr. Günter VERHEUGEN, Vice-President, European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry
9:45-10:00	Mr. Robin LINSCHOTEN, Chairman of ACTAL, Netherlands High Level Group of Independent Stakeholders on Administrative Burdens
10:00-10:15	Mr. Miroslav KLUN, President Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia
10:15-10:30	Mr. Andrea BENASSI, Secretary General European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (UEAPME)
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
2. session	GENERAL INTRODUCTION - REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS IN THE SCOPE OF EUROPEAN LEGISLATION Chair: Mr. Luc HENDRICKX, European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
11:00-11:15	Mr. Manuel – Maria SANTIAGO DOS SANTOS, European Commission Action Programme for reduction of AB for 25% until 2012
11:15-11:30	Mr. Luc HENDRICKX, UEAPME Better regulation and the reduction of Red tape: the SME view
11:30-11:45	Mr. Marin SILIČ, Ministry of public administration, Slovenia Slovene Programme for the RAB
11:45-12:00	Mr. Edwin KOK, Capgemini, Deloitte, Ramboll Progress made on the project of the RAB – state of play
12:00-12:15	Ms. Heidi MACHACEK, Chamber of Commerce, Austria Reducing administrative burdens for businesses – Austrian initiative
12:15-13:15	Lunch, Golf Hotel

3. session	CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS ON THE LEVEL OF EU LEGISLATION WITH ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Chair: Mr. Viljem PŠENIČNY, Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia
13:15-13:40	Mr. Slavko PATEKAR, Ministry of public administration, Slovenia Labour Law
13:40-14:35	Mr. Dušan KRAJNIK, Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia Annual collecting of proposals for better small business environment – some concrete proposals for reduction of AB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Janko MLAKAR, Umetnostna obrt Janko Mlakar, s.p. - Mr. Bogdan OBLAK, COMMERCE, d.o.o.
14:35-15:00	Mr. Luc HENDRICKX, UEAPME some concrete proposals for reduction of AB
15:00-15:25	Mr. Donald MACRAE, Risk and Regulation Advisory Council, United Kingdom some concrete proposals for reduction of AB

15:25-15:45	Coffee break
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15:45-16:45	ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Chair: Mr. Gregor VIRANT, Minister, Ministry of Public Administration, Slovenia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Manuel – Maria SANTIAGO DOS SANTOS, Deputy head of unit, impact assessment and AB reduction programme, European Commission • Mr. Luc HENDRICKX, European Association of Craft, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises • Mr. Tomaž JERŠIČ, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Slovenia • Mr. Pavel SEDOVNIK, Deputy Secretary-General of the Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia <p>Discussing about concrete proposals and best practices followed by questions from the audience.</p>
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4. session	CLOSING REMARKS
16:45-17:00	Mr. Gregor VIRANT, Ministry of Public Administration, Slovenia

Attendees

MR/ MRS	NAME	SURNAME	ORGANISATION
Mr	Helmut	Heindl	Austrian Chamber of Commerce
Mrs	Ellen	Vermoesen	Regulation Impact Unit, Flemish Government
Mrs	Elke	Groené	Regulation Impact Unit, Flemish Government
Mr	Jan	Vandenhende	Deloitte Belgium
Mr	Vinko	Mičetić	Chamber of Commerce, Croatia
Mr	Charalambos	Charalambous	Ministry of Commerce Industry and Tourism, Cyprus
Mrs	Michaela	Doležalová	Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic
Mr	Petr	Fejtek	Ministry of Interior, Czech Republic
Mrs	Signe	Jensen	Danish Commerce and Companies Agency
Mr	Andreas Rahlf	Hauptmann	Danish Commerce and Companies Agency
Mr	Anders	Olander	European Council
Mrs	Marine	Reboul	French Embassy
Mr	Marcel	de La Haye	Ministry of Economy, France
Mrs	Barbara	Peinel	Chamber of Craft, Munich and Oberbayern
Mrs	Angelika	Wessels	Association of German Craftsmen
Mr	Dietmar	Schneider	Chamber of Craft, Munich and Oberbayern
Mr	Klaus-Peter	Leier	
Mr	Ralf	Zeppernick	Ministry of the Economy, Germany
Ms	Olympia	Tsagarakou	Ministry of Development, Greece
Mr	Constantine	Veinoglou	Ministry of Development, Greece
Mr	Eugene	Forde	Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Ireland
Mr	Severo	Gonella	Association of Craftsmen, Bergamo, Italy
Mrs	Ilze	Beinare	Ministry of Economics, Latvia
Mrs	Monika	Beniulyte	Ministry of Economy, Lithuania
Mrs	Alina	Maciulyte	Ministry of Economy, Lithuania
Mrs	Eva	Buitenkamp	Regulatory Reform Group, The Netherlands
Mr	Jaap	Sleifer	Advisory Board on Administrative Burdens (Actal), The Netherlands
Mrs	Marcin	Gancarz	Ministry of Economy, Poland
Mr	Janusz	Książkowski	Ministry of Economy, Poland
Mr	Peter	Ondrejka	Ministry of Economy, Slovak Republic
Mr	Nikola	Todorović	Ministry of Culture, Republic of Slovenia
Mrs	Katja	Povhe - Jemec	Ministry of Culture, Republic of Slovenia
Mrs	Alenka	Snoj	Ministry for the Interior, Republic of Slovenia
Mr	Vladimir	Logofetov	Ministry for the Interior, Republic of Slovenia
Mrs	Ljubica	Werber	Ministry for the Interior, Republic of Slovenia
Mr	Robert	Kokalj	Ministry for Health, Republic of Slovenia
Mr	Marjan	Maučec	National Council of the Republic of Slovenia
Mrs	Marijana	Mali	Ministry for Environment, Republic of Slovenia
Mrs	Nataša	Žnidaršič	Ministry of Justice, Republic of Slovenia
Mr	Mija	Lapornik	Chamber of Trade, Republic of Slovenia
Mr	Saša	Lavrič	Public Agency for Entrepreneurship and Foreign Investments, Republic of Slovenia
Mr	Aleksander	Skalič	Statistical Office, Republic of Slovenia
Mr	Janez	Mežnarec	Statistical Office, Republic of Slovenia
Mr	Luka	Žakelj	Institute of Macroeconomic Analysis and Development, Republic of Slovenia
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Mr	Franc	Pristovšek	Ministry for Work, Family and Social Affairs, Republic of Slovenia
Mrs	Saša	Štrubelj	Ministry of the Economy, Republic of Slovenia
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Mrs	Polona	Polajnar	Statistical Office, Republic of Slovenia
Mrs	Mihaela	Zupančič	Representation of the EC in Slovenia
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Mr	Franc	Jezeršek	Hiša kulinarike s.p.
Mr	Ivan	Šel	Avtuhiša Mesojedec d.o.o.
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Mr	Franz	Pacher	Wirtschaftskammer Kärnten

Results of the consultation with business

Most important PAs

During the discussion/feedback session, the priority areas indicated as being the most burdensome related primarily to Working Environment, Company Accounts/Tax and Environment. Particular attention was dedicated to small businesses with sole employee, facing not only time consuming but also rationally non-executable tasks, and burdens deriving from the so called technical legislation.

Suggestions for Administrative Burden Reduction

Problem	Proposed Solution
Working Environment¹	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slovenian Legislation: Work safety and health procedures in one-member micro businesses (examples include First Aid Trainings for co-workers, Risk Assessment Statement preparation, Inspections and Testing of the equipment once every three years, Inspections with regard to damaging effects of the business on the working environment etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lowering of the frequency of execution of the required procedures, in some cases even their elimination
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the EU level: Record-keeping of periodical reports on chemical damages, tests of working equipment, safety at work trainings, health checks, damages at work, collective accidents, dangerous occurrences etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storing them online or at a recipients' end
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slovenian Legislation: Recruitment – SMEs have to reply to every single applicant in writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change in legislation with emphasis on short-listed candidates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the EU level: Standardisation procedures and certificates in this field are too frequently requested and costly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction of costs for companies applying for these certificates plus elimination of some standards, such as voluntary European Safety Label
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the EU level: Degree certification procedures are very complicated, non-transparent and not at all unified. 	

¹ National legislation covered and mentioned in relation to this area of concern includes Health and Safety at Work Act (UL 56/1999), Act Governing Records in the Field of Labour and Social Security (UL 40/2006), Employment Relationship Act (103/2007), Rules on industrial safety and technical measures with regard to acetylene developers and acetylene stations (UL 45/2004), Rules on industrial safety with regard to electric current hazards (UL 29/1992)

Problem	Proposed Solution
Company Accounts / Tax	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the EU level: 27 different tax systems in the EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Transport of passengers for example through four EU countries causes calculation and tax returns according to legislation of these four countries ○ VAT return claims for the VAT paid in other MS are administratively very complicated and very frequently involve hiring agencies to do the job 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unified tax basis for the legal persons income tax

Problem	Proposed Solution
Environment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the EU level²: Record-keeping of the executed waste management procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elimination or record-keeping at the receiver's end
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the EU level: Emissions' reduction period – the producers are not technologically equipped yet and the users have not been trained to know how to apply this properly³ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extension of this interim transfer period

² The criticism here is related to frequently quoted »national« references to EU directives that are practically non-existent. In other words, what participants were trying to say was that national authorities were trying to shift the blame from national to the EU level.

³ This proposal is out of the project's scope i.e. not administrative burden related, but nevertheless worth mentioning under this point due to the attention it received at the conference.