



SME Envoy Meeting

Nicosia, Cyprus, 5-6 July 2018

AGENDA

Times for the bus transfers will be made known by separate email.

5 July
10.00 – 12.00

Visit of historic Nicosia

The visit is offered by the Cypriot Ministry of Economy for the participants to the SME Envoy meeting.

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch

Details will be provided later.

15.30 – 18.00

Entrepreneurial innovation - Visit to NIPD

NIPD Genetics is an innovative biotechnology company active in the field of designing, developing, and manufacturing non-invasive genetic tests. NIPD Genetics was founded in 2010 as a spin-off from The Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics, a research-academic center of excellence, to commercialize pioneering research work in the field of non-invasive prenatal diagnosis. The presentation will focus on issues related to starting and scaling a company

20.00 – 22.00

Informal Dinner

6 July
09.15 – 09.30

1. Welcome by Elżbieta Bieńkowska, EU SME Envoy

09.30 – 09.50

2. Challenges of SME policy in Cyprus by Constantinos Karageorgis, SME Envoy for Cyprus

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09.50 – 11.10

3. SMEs and Defence

Presentation by Maj. Panayiotis Hadjipavlis, Ministry of Defence

Dual use products and their importance for defence and for SMEs, presentation by Dr. Tasos Kounoudes, CEO, SignalGeneriX Ltd

Possible initiatives by the SME Envoys based on the Croatian policy initiative; discussion and way forward, Mario Antonić, SME Envoy for Croatia

European Defense Fund

Presentation by Eleftheria Nearchou, DG GROW

Discussion

11.10 – 11.50

4. MFF – Support for SMEs in the coming framework period

**Presentation by Irmfried Schwimann, Deputy Director General
Discussion**

11.50 – 12.15

5. Declaration of Entrepreneurial Rights

Presentation by Eurochambers

12.15 – 13.15

Networking buffet lunch

13.15 – 14.15

6. Sustainable Process Industry through Resource and Energy Efficiency - The SPIRE project

Innovation and SMEs: The role of Public Private Partnerships and the case study of SPIRE

Presentation by Dr. Pierre Bartélemy, Executive Director Innovation Programme of CEFIC (consortium lead)

How SPIRE helped me; the entrepreneur's view

Q&A

14.15 – 15.00

7. SMEs in the Single Market

25 years Single Market

Kristin Schreiber, Director for SME Policy, DG GROW, and Torsten Andersen, SME Envoy for Denmark, will lead a

brainstorming on how we could make SMEs benefit even more from the Single Market

This will also serve as a preparation for the report from Torsten Andersen

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8. SME Definition

**Presentation by Costas Andropoulos, DG GROW
Discussion**

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9. Ideas from Europe

**Wrap-up of the finals by Pieter Waasdorp, SME Envoy of The
Netherlands
The way forward, by the Secretariat**

15.50 – 16.00

AOB, Close of meeting

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