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FEE Round Table

Access to Finance for SMEs and the Economic Recovery Challenges and Creative Solutions

Wednesday 13 October 2010 (10.00 – 16.00 CEST)

PROGRAMME

Objective: Raising awareness of the challenges that SMEs currently face in gaining access to external finance in many EU member states and seeking possible solutions

- from 9.30** Registration and welcome coffee
- 10.00** Opening by
Hans van Damme, FEE President
- 10.10** The EU-ECB SME Survey: evidence of a credit crunch in Europe?
Veronique Genre, European Central Bank
- 10.50** The SME experience
Gerhard Huemer, Director for Economic and Fiscal Policy, UEAPME
- 11.20** The Impact of Basel III on lending to SMEs
Judith Ay, Senior Adviser Economic Affairs, European Savings Banks Group
- 12.00** A case study of the role of accountants in obtaining external finance for SMEs
George Cocu, Finance Controller, SC ELMEC ROMANIA SRL
Monica Stefan, Head of Audit Department, SOTER & PARTNERS, Romania
- 12.30** Lunch
- 13.30** The Role of Mutual Guarantees in EU Member States
Francis Chittenden, ACCA Professor of Small Business Finance, Deputy Chair of the FEE SME/SMP Working Party
- 14.15** The European Commission's perspective
Dr Massimo Baldinato, Cabinet Commissioner Tajani
- 15.00** Round Table discussion of possible ways to promote the availability of finance to SMEs
Edit Herczog, MEP, Deputy Chair SME Intergroup
- 15.45** Conclusions
Francis Chittenden, ACCA Professor of Small Business Finance, Deputy Chair of the FEE SME/SMP Working Party
- 16.00** Close
Olivier Boutellis-Taft, FEE CEO



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- Participation by invited experts only
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