



**Dublin, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009**  
**Holiday Inn, 98-107 Pearse Street, Dublin 2**

**Programme**

**8:30 - 9.00 Registrations**

*[Moderator: Mr Timothy Hayes, Head of Information, European Commission Representation in Ireland]*

**09:00 - 09:30 Opening speech**

ÿ Mr James McGing, *Head of Unit, EIF Programme Management, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission*

ÿ Mr Michael Pender, *Head of Small Business Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment*

ÿ Mr Pat Farrell, *CEO, Irish Banking Federation*

**09:30 - 09:45 European Union SME policies**

ÿ Mr Angelo Wille, *Financing Innovation and SMEs, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission*

ÿ *Questions and answers*

**09:45 - 10:15 Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) – financial instruments**

ÿ Mr James McGing, *Head of Unit, EIF Programme Management, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission*

ÿ *Questions and answers*

**10:15 - 10:30 Experience of EU financial instruments in Ireland**

ÿ Dr Manus Rogan, *Managing Partner, Fountain Healthcare Partners Fund 1*

ÿ *Questions and answers*

**10:30 - 11:15 Equity sources of financing**

ÿ Ms Deirdre Somers, *Chief Executive, Irish Stock Exchange*

ÿ Mr Joe Concannon, *Chairman, Irish Venture Capital Association*

ÿ Mr Michael Culligan, *Director, Halo Business Angel Partnership, Dublin Business Innovation Centre*

ÿ *Questions and answers*

**11:15 - 11:45 Coffee break (and Commission video clip)**

**11:45 - 12:15 Role of the Enterprise Europe Network in Ireland**

ÿ Mr Jan Gerritsen, *Enterprise Ireland, coordinator of Enterprise Europe Network Ireland*

ÿ *Questions and answers*

**12:15 - 12:45 SMEs' participation in the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological development (FP7) & "Eurostars" programme**

ÿ Ms Martina Daly, *Research and SMEs, DG Research*

ÿ *Questions and answers*

**12:45 - 13:45 Panel discussion - sharing experience and challenges ahead:**

ÿ Mr James McGing, *Head of Unit, EIF Programme Management, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission (moderator)*

ÿ Mr Michael Pender, *Head of Small Business Unit, Department of Enterprise, Trade & Employment*

ÿ Mr Niall O'Donnellan, *Head of Investment Services Division, Enterprise Ireland*

ÿ Mr Ian Talbot, *Chief Executive, Chambers Ireland*

ÿ Mr Michael Culligan, *Director, Halo Business Angel Partnership, Dublin Business Innovation Centre*

ÿ Dr Manus Rogan, *Managing Partner, Fountain Healthcare Partners Fund 1*

ÿ Mr John Irwin, *Head of Business & Consumer Credit Products, AIB*

**13:45 - 14:00 Closing address**

ÿ Mr James McGing, *Head of Unit, EIF Programme Management, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission*

ÿ Mr Niall O'Donnellan, *Head of Investment Services Division, Enterprise Ireland*

**14:00h Networking lunch offered**

*[Working language will be English]*