



Sofia
Thursday, 28 May 2009
Hilton Hotel, 1, Bulgaria Blvd., Sofia, Bulgaria 1421

Draft programme

Working languages will be Bulgarian and English – interpretation will be provided

- 09:00 Registration of participants
- 09:30 Welcome address by the European Commission
Ms Zinaida Zlatanova, Head of EC Representation in Bulgaria
- Welcome address and introduction by Bulgarian Government
Mr. Stanimir Barzashki, Executive Director, Bulgarian Small and Medium Enterprises Promotion Agency
- 09:50 European Commission SME policies
Maciej Otulak, European Commission, Directorate-General for Enterprise and Industry.
- 10:10 Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP), focusing on CIP Financial Instruments
Vygandas Jankunas, European Commission, EC Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs
- 10:30 CIP and JEREMIE financial instruments
Richard Pelly, CEO, European Investment Fund, (TBC)
- 10:50 Questions and answers
- 11:00 Coffee break and presentation of *Access to Finance* website
Press conference parallel to coffee break
- 11:30 Presentation of the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)
Angel Milev, Applied Research And Communications Fund
- 11:50 Experiences with EU loan guarantees in Bulgaria
Zaharina Todorova, Head, Credit lines Department, Bulgarian Development Bank
- 12:20 *Velislava Miltcheva, Supervisor , Funding and Rating Agencies Relations Financial Institutions Department, Raiffeisenbank (Bulgaria) EAD*
- 12 :40 Questions and answers
- 13:00 Networking lunch offered**



14:00 **Afternoon session "Other sources of Finance"**

14:00 Guarantee mechanisms of SMEs' external finance
Marcel Roy, AECM (European Mutual Guarantee Association)

14:20 SME guarantee mechanisms
Svetlin Statkov, Executive Director of the National Guarantee Fund.

14:40 Business Angels
Anton Todorov, BBAN, European Business Angels Network national representative

15:00 Venture Capital
Irina Anghel, Secretary General, South Eastern Europe Private Equity Association, (SEEPEA), Bucharest

15:30 **Afternoon coffee offered**

15:45 **Round Table, "How can we do better?"**

17:00 **Conclusion**

Vygandas Jankunas, EC Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs