



Stockholm, Radisson SAS Strand Hotel, Maritim meeting room
Thursday, 25 September 2008, **Final programme**

8:30 - 9.00 Registration

9:00 - 9:20 Welcome address

- Mr Anders Henriksson, *Head of Commission Representation in Sweden*
- Mr Per-Ove Engelbrecht, *Head of Unit, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission*
- Mr Thomas Bengtsson, *Deputy Director, Entrepreneurship, Swedish Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications*
- Mr Wilhelm von Seth, *Head of Unit, NUTEK*
- Mr Göran Lundwall, *CEO, ALMI Företagspartner*

9:20 - 9:30 European Union SME policies and Small Business Act

- Mr Vesa Vanhanen, *Deputy Head of Unit, DG Enterprise and Industry*

9:30 - 10:15 Competitiveness and Innovation Programme – financial instruments

- Mr David Walker, *Deputy Head, Equity fund investments, European Investment Fund*
- *Questions and answers*

10:15 - 10:30 Role of the new Enterprise Europe Network in Sweden

- Mr Lars Ilmoni, *Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, NUTEK, coordinator of Enterprise Europe Network in Sweden*

10:30 - 10:45 SMEs' participation in the Seventh Research and Innovation Framework Programme

- Ms Josefina Lindblom, *DG Research, European Commission*

10:45 - 11:15 Coffee break (and Commission video clip)

10:45 - 11:15 Press meeting

11:15 - 12:00 Venture capital and business angels in the EU

- Mr Vesa Vanhanen, Ms Ulla Hudina, *DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission*
- Mr Ulf Söderholm, *Andulf Advokat, Chairman of Tax and Legal Committee of European Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (EVCA)*
- Mr Hans Christian Bjørne, *Innovation Advisor, Nordic Innovation Centre*
- Ms Maria Nilsson, *STING, Stockholm Innovation and Growth, Member of the Board of European Business Angels Network (EBAN)*
- *Questions and answers*

12:00 - 14:00 Networking lunch offered

14:00 – 15:30 Panel discussion - sharing experience and challenges ahead:

- Mr Per-Ove Engelbrecht, *Head of Unit, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission (moderator);*
- Mr Wilhelm von Seth, *Head of Unit, NUTEK*
- Håkan Bonander, *Vice Managing Director ALMI Företagspartner Stockholm*
- Mr Lars Jagrén, *Chief Economist, Företagarna*
- Ms Cecilia Gross Friberger, *Portfolio Manager, Sjätte AP-fonden*
- Ms Ingela Hemming, *Corporate Economist, SEB*
- Mr Björn Odlander, *Founding Partner of HealthCap Venture Capital*

Working languages will be Swedish and English, interpretation will not be provided.