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THE SME INITIATIVE workshop

Committee of the Regions, Room JDE 52,

Rue Belliard 99-101, Brussels

Thursday, 23 April 2015, 09:00-16:45

Agenda

9:00-9:30	Registration, Welcome coffee
9:30-10:00	Introductory speech <i>Thomas Wobben, Director for Horizontal Policies and Networks, Committee of the Regions</i> <i>Mikel Landabaso, European Commission, Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Corina Cretu (Regional Policy)</i>
10:00-10:30	The SME Initiative – the Commission perspective from different angles <i>Joint presentation</i> <i>Roger Havenith, Head of Unit "Financing of innovation, competitiveness and employment policies", DG ECFIN, European Commission</i> <i>Stefan Appel, Head of Unit "Financial Instruments and relations with International Financial Institutions", DG REGIO, European Commission</i> <i>Jean-David Malo, Head of Unit "SMEs, Financial instruments and State Aid", DG RTD, European Commission</i> <i>Astrid Bartels, Policy Officer, Unit "SME Access to Finance", DG GROW, European Commission</i>
10:30-11:00	The SME Initiative and the role of the EIB and EIF <i>Angel Ferrero, Head of Public Sector & Financial Instruments, Spain – Lending Operations, EIB</i> <i>Marco Marrone, Head of Regional Mandates, Guarantees Securitisations and Microfinance, EIF</i> <i>Piotr Stolarski, Head of Region, Regional Business Development, EIF</i>
11:00-11:30	The SME Initiative in practice: the examples of Spain and Malta <i>Jose-Maria Pinero, Director-General, Dirección general de Fondos Comunitarios, MINISTERIO DE HACIENDA Y ADMINISTRACIONES PÚBLICAS, Spain</i> <i>Mr Pau Zahra, Permanent Secretary, Parliamentary Secretariat for the EU Presidency 2017 and</i>



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	<i>EU Affairs, Ministry for European Affairs and the Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto, Malta</i>
11:30-13:00	Q&A session (1)- The SME Initiative: programming implications and implementation challenges <i>Chair: Nicholas Martyn, Deputy Director-General for Policy, Performance and Compliance, DG REGIO</i> <i>Joerg Lackenbauer, Policy Analyst, Unit "Financial Instruments and relations with International Financial Institutions", DG REGIO, European Commission</i> <i>Francesco Maria Graziani, Legal Officer, Unit "Legal Affairs", DG REGIO, European Commission</i> <i>Beatriz Huidobro Laso, Programme Manager, Unit "Spain", DG REGIO, European Commission</i> <i>Antonio Goncalves, Senior Expert, Unit "Italy and Malta", DG REGIO, European Commission</i> <i>Mr. Borja Corominas, Director General de Asuntos Europeos y Cooperación con el Estado de la Comunidad de Madrid (Region of Madrid), Spain</i> <i>Mr Jonathan Vassalo, Director-General, Planning and priorities Co-ordination Division, Parliamentary Secretariat for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Affairs, Malta</i> <i>Angel Ferrero, Head of Public Sector & Financial Instruments, Spain – Lending Operations, EIB</i> <i>Piotr Stolowski, Head of Region, Regional Business Development, EIF</i>
13:00-14:30	Lunch and Networking
14:30-16:30	Q&A session (2)- The SME Initiative: programming implications and implementation challenges <i>Chair: Rudolf Niessler, Director (Directorate B: Policy), DG REGIO</i> <i>Joerg Lackenbauer, Policy Analyst, Unit "Financial Instruments and relations with International Financial Institutions", DG REGIO, European Commission</i> <i>Francesco Maria Graziani, Legal Officer, Unit "Legal Affairs", DG REGIO, European Commission</i> <i>Mr Luis Prieto, MINISTERIO DE HACIENDA Y ADMINISTRACIONES PÚBLICAS, Spain</i> <i>Mr Jonathan Vassalo, Director-General, Planning and priorities Co-ordination Division, Parliamentary Secretariat for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Affairs, Malta</i> <i>Angel Ferrero, Head of Public Sector & Financial Instruments, Spain – Lending Operations, EIB</i> <i>Marco Marrone, Head of Regional Mandates, Guarantees Securitisations and Microfinance, EIF</i>
16:30-16:45	Closing remarks, next steps <i>Rudolf Niessler, Director (Directorate B: Policy), DG REGIO</i>