



Eurochambres Congress 2026

28 - 29 September | Valencia, Spain

Innovation, cooperation and growth for Europe



DELEGATE AGENDA



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Monday, 28 September

Cámara de Comercio Valencia

10:00 - 12:00

Eurochambres Board of Directors

(Eurochambres Board of Directors members only)

Lanzadera

12:30 - 13:30

Guided visit to Marina de Empresas Valencia's entrepreneurship hub

Palau de la Música

15:00 - 15:30

Arrival and accreditation of participants

15:30 - 16:00

Official opening

- **Vladimír Dlouhý**, *Eurochambres President*
- **José Luis Bonet**, *President of Cámara España*
- **Arcadi España**, *Minister of Finance of Spain*
- **Juan Francisco Pérez Llorca**, *President of the Generalitat Valenciana*

16:00 - 16:45

Plenary Session

Strengthening competitiveness through the single market

High-level address on the Single Market's current state, key barriers and reforms to boost competitiveness and business opportunities.

- **Enrico Letta**, *Prime Minister of Italy 2013-2014, Dean of the IE School of Politics, Economics & Global Affairs at IE University in Madrid*

16:45 - 17:30

Plenary Session

Electrification: the key to Europe's competitiveness and security

- **Ignacio Sánchez Galán**, *Executive President of Iberdrola*

17:30 - 18:30

Panel discussion

What does the geopolitical context mean for chambers of commerce and industry?

An interactive session exploring how geopolitical uncertainty is reshaping the operating environment for European businesses and how chambers are responding in practice.

- **Isabel Riaño**, *Director-General for Competitiveness and Trade, Council of the EU*
- **Julian Kassum**, *Deputy Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce*

18:30 - 18:45

Day 1: Summary key points

- **Jennifer Baker**, *Master of Ceremonies*

Hotel SH Valencia Palace

20:00 - 22:00

Welcome cocktail

(Included for Delegates and Guest Pass holders)

Tuesday, 29 September

Palau de la Música

09:15 - 09:45

Arrival and accreditation of participants

Welcome coffee & networking

09:45 - 10:45

Panel discussion

The impact of AI on the economy and chamber services

The session will explore how AI is reshaping European economies and what this means for the future role of chambers in supporting businesses.

- **Marco Bianchini**, Head of Digitalisation and AI for SMEs Unit, OECD (TBC)
- **Raquel Jorge Ricart**, Director of European Affairs, Adigital
- **Ádám Balog**, Vice-President of the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

10:45 - 11:30

Coffee break

11:30 - 12:30

Parallel thematic sessions – Part 1: expert perspectives

Participants will choose one of three thematic itineraries, which will guide their discussions throughout the afternoon. Each itinerary opens with a moderated conversation featuring two expert speakers who will share insights on the latest policy developments, emerging trends and strategic challenges shaping the topic.

- Itinerary 1: Sustainable competitiveness

- **Maria Antonia Izquierdo Caballero**, Project Officer in the Circular Economy and Sustainable Industry Unit, Joint Research Centre
- **Georg Riekeles**, Associate Director and Head of Europe's Political Economy Programme, European Policy Centre (TBC)

- Itinerary 2: International trade

- **Sofía Muñoz**, Director of Resources, Information and Policy Coordination, DG TRADE, European Commission
- **Representative Port of Valencia** (TBC)

- Itinerary 3: Talent and training

- **Jasper Van Loo**, Department coordinator for skills and labour market, Cedefop
- **Eva Revilla-Peñaranda**, Team Leader responsible for Skills for Competitiveness, DG EMPL, European Commission

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12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 15:00

Parallel thematic sessions – Part 2: collaborative workshops

Building on the discussions from the first session, participants will remain in their chosen thematic itinerary to explore how chambers can translate strategic challenges into concrete action. Through best practice presentations, peer exchange and facilitated discussions, the workshop will focus on practical approaches, innovative solutions and lessons learned from across the chamber network.

- **Itinerary 1: Sustainable competitiveness**

- **Itinerary 2: International trade**

- **Itinerary 3: Talent and training**

15:00 - 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 - 16:15

**Plenary
Session**

| Building a competitive and resilient European economy

Exploring how Europe's green transition can drive innovation, investment and long-term business competitiveness.

16:15 - 17:15

**Plenary
Session**

| Securing Europe's industrial revival

Discussion on strengthening Europe's industry to boost investment, innovation and competitiveness.

- **Román Arjona**, Chief Economist, DG GROW, European Commission
- **Lucia Cusmano**, Head of the SMEs and Entrepreneurship Division, OECD

16:15 - 17:15

Day 2: Key takeaways

- **Jennifer Baker**, Master of Ceremonies

16:15 - 17:15

Closing of the congress

- *Institutional representatives*



Punto de encuentro: Palau de la Música de Valencia

19:00 - 20:00

Guided tour of the port and the City of Arts and Sciences

(Included for Delegates and Guest Pass holders)



L'Hemisfèric

20:00 - 23:00

Gala Dinner with an exclusive concert included

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