



European Economic and Social Committee

**Group III – SMEs,
Crafts and the Professions Category**

Brussels, 10 March 2014

NOTICE OF MEETING

SMEs, Crafts and the Professions Category

Mr Panagiotis Gkofas, spokesperson of the SMEs, Crafts and the Professions Category, invites you to attend a meeting to be held at the Committee in room **JDE 70** on **Tuesday 1 April 2014 beginning at 10 a.m.** The meeting will end at **1 p.m.**

The draft agenda is as follows:

10. a.m. 1. Adoption of the agenda
- 10.10 a.m. 2. Communications from **Panagiotis Gkofas**, spokesperson of the category
- 10.25 a.m. 3. Update on the activities carried out for the thematic priorities followed by a question and answer session
- 10.40 a.m. 4. Presentation of **Deborah Dawton**, Chief executive, Design Business Association, followed by a debate
- 11.30 a.m. 5. Debate on the "*Crowdfunding in the EU – Exploring the added value of potential EU action*"¹ with statements by:
- **Maria Teresa Fabregas Fernandez**, DG MARKT G.3, Securities Markets
 - **Daniel Cloquet**, Director of the Entrepreneurship and SMEs Department of BUSINESSEUROPE
 - **Reine-Claude Mader**, Member of Group III, spokesperson of the "Consumers and Environment" category
 - **Oliver Gajda**, President of European Crowdfunding Network
- 12.55 p.m. 6. Conclusions

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http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/consultations/2013/crowdfunding/index_en.htm

1 p.m. 7. End of the session.

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N.B.: Members are asked to sign the attendance list in order to ensure that their travel and subsistence expenses are refunded.

Members unable to attend the meeting are asked to give advance notice to their group secretariat so that interpreters do not attend unnecessarily.