



*European Economic and Social Committee*

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

Brussels, 25 September 2014

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTICE OF MEETING</b> <b>SMEs, Crafts and the Professions Category</b></p>
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**Mr Panagiotis Gkofas**, spokesperson of the SMEs, Crafts and the Professions Category, invites you to attend the morning session of the Category meeting to be held at the Committee in room **JDE 63**, on **Friday 26 September 2014 beginning at 10 a.m.** The meeting will end at **1 p.m.**

The draft agenda is as follows:

1. **Welcome and opening speech**
  - **Pangiotis Gkofas**, Spokesperson of the "SMEs, Crafts and the Professions" category
  
2. **Presentation of the European Commission consultation - How can we make the EU a better place for SMEs?**
  - **Maarit Nyman**, Deputy Head of Unit of DG ENTR - Small Business Act, SME Policies

*Debate*
  
3. **Own-initiative opinion proposal on the implications of TTIP on SMEs**

*Debate*
  
4. **Conclusions**
  - **Pangiotis Gkofas**, Spokesperson of the "SMEs, Crafts and the Professions" category.

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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.

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