

FEACO (European Federation of Management Consultancies Associations)

Program March 26th, 2025

8:00 - 09:30 Working Breakfast hosted by Lukas Mandl MEP

European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brüssel, Belgien

FEACO: Management Consulting in Dialogue with EU Decision-Makers - Supporting SMEs

Welcome & Moderation: Horst Heitz, Chair Steering Committee, SME Connect

Opening: Lukas Mandl MEP and Alfred Harl, FEACO President

Keynote: Marie-Hélène Pradines, Head of Unit SME, DG Grow

and Paul Rübig, EESC Member and MEP a.D. (tbc)

Questions and debate between members of the association and the EU Commission

09:45 Guided tour of the European Parliament with coffee Mikey Mouse Bar

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11:00 – 12:00 Workshop

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An introduction to the principles, objectives and Programs of European funding policy

Christiane Canenbley, Acting Director, DG BUDGET, European Commission (tbc)

Timo Hallantie, EIC Pathfinder, EISMEA (tbc)

12:30 -13:45 Working Lunch with Sven Simon MEP (tbc)

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„Inside Europe: How EU Legislation works - insight into processes and design options"

14:00 - 15:00 Debate on the role of ethics in European legislation

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Members of the Independent Ethics Committee of the European Commission (tbc)

15:30 – 16:30 AI Workshop by Google in Cooperation with SME Connect

Chaussee d'Etterbeek 180, Brüssel, Belgien

19:00 EU Evening Event for example at Landesvertretung Bayern or WKÖ

Background information:

FEACO (European Federation of Management Consultancies Associations) is the European umbrella organisation for national management consultancy associations. The main objectives of the organisation are

1. to promote management consultancy in Europe: FEACO is committed to communicating the benefits and value of consultancy services and promoting understanding of the role of consultancy in business and society.

2. to represent the interests of the management consulting industry: FEACO represents the consulting industry vis-à-vis European institutions and organizations and contributes to shaping the political and economic framework.

3. Promotion of professionalization and standards in the industry: The association develops and promotes quality standards and ethical guidelines for management consulting and thus strengthens trust in consulting services.

4. Exchange and networking: FEACO provides a platform for the exchange of knowledge and best practices between consulting firms and member associations in Europe.

The topics covered by FEACO include:

- **Digitalisation and technology:** Supporting the consulting industry in adapting to digital transformations and new technologies that influence the business world.

- **Sustainability and ESG** (Environmental, Social, Governance): Promoting consulting services that help companies implement sustainable and responsible practices.

- **Promoting innovation:** Supporting consultancies in the development and implementation of innovative solutions for companies.

- **Labour market and skills shortages:** Strategies for attracting and retaining qualified consultants and promoting the skills required in the modern consulting world.
- **Regulation and standards:** Issues relating to the regulation of the industry in order to ensure fair competitive conditions and high-quality standards.